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Lupin and his Brotherhood of Thievery



Goemon Ishikawa

A samurai warrior who occasionally helps the Lupin organization. Initially betrayed by the eponymous master thief, this master swordsman now sees the value in Lupin's particular brand of honor. He is the thirteenth in a long line of samurai warriors committed to anything but international crime. However, as they say, when in Osaka...

Daisuke Jigen



With a .38 Double-Action Colt Executive tucked in his shorts and the brim of his fedora tilted forward over his mysterious eyes, Jigen is Lupin's best friend and partner in crime...when the two are getting along. Jigen distrusts Fujiko's seductive charms over his buddy, and though he tolerates her, he never takes his eyes off her... but who can really? Not much is known of Jigen's past and that's just the way he likes it.

Fujiko Mine



A fine, furtive femme fatale with a fancy for heists and a talent for tantalizing treasures out of men. She and Lupin may be in love, or they may simply be enraptured by—and envious of—each other's talent. When they work together, they are an unstoppable force; when against each other, they are fiery foes. Perhaps she distrusts the shady Jigen as well...or maybe she just fears that the Mafioso-like cretin might actually have her number.

Arsène Lupin III



A master thief extraordinaire—charming, sophisticated, libidinous, and above all, cocky. Lupin has also come from a long line of his profession—dating way back to his grandfather, Arsène Lupin I—and holds up the family name well—nicking priceless goods that are easy to move on the black market, dancing around the globe in the midst of geo-political crisis, and bagging babes wrenched from the bed of God himself.

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INTRODUCTION

Monkey Punch's Arsène Lupin III made his debut in 1967 and over the following 35 years has become one of the most beloved manga characters of all time, inspiring several manga series, multiple television series and a plethora of feature films. Though there are some recurring characters and storylines that span several Lupin episodes, each installment in these early volumes is a self-contained tale of action and intrigue. What is important to know is that Lupin is a master thief who dabbles in other high stakes international games—a dilettante of danger, so to speak; his associates Jigen and Fujiko are as loyal to him as they are to cold hard cash; and his ravenous desire for women is oftentimes his undoing. Lupin is not so much suave as he is crafty, not so much dashing as he is cocky, but he almost always ends up getting exactly what he sets out to get. So, sit back, relax and enjoy this twelfth volume of stories starring Monkey Punch's original international man of mystery.



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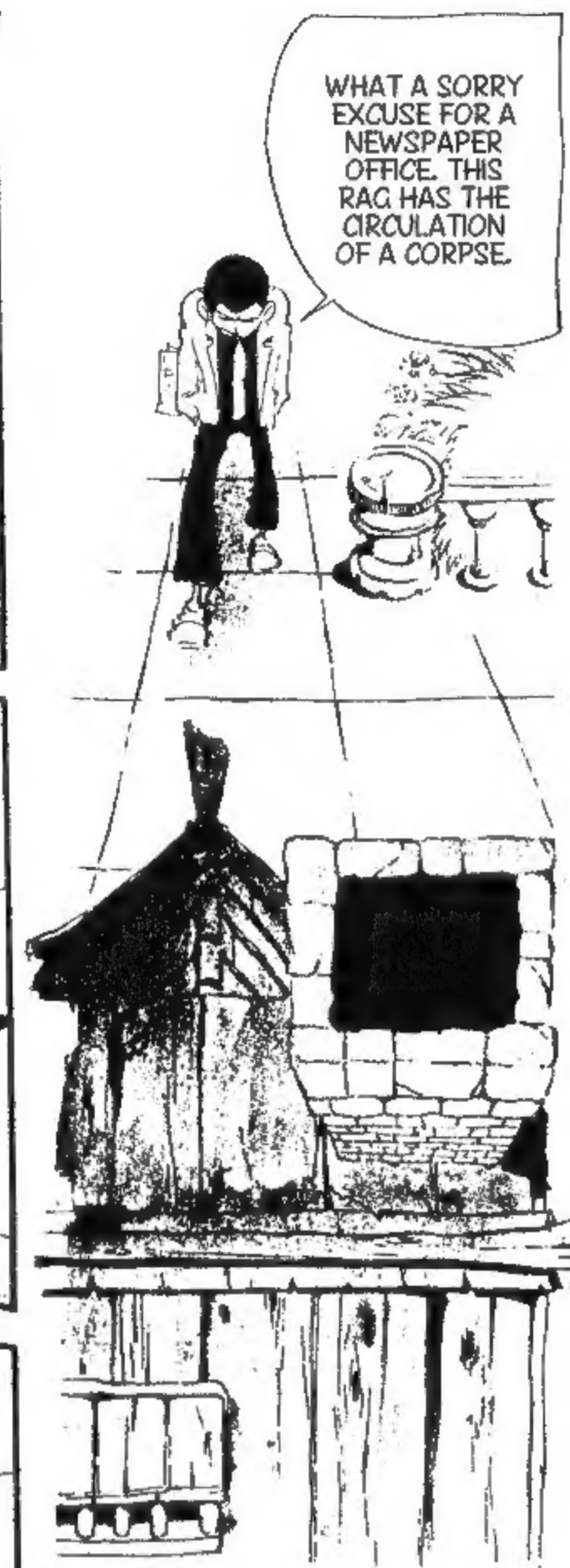
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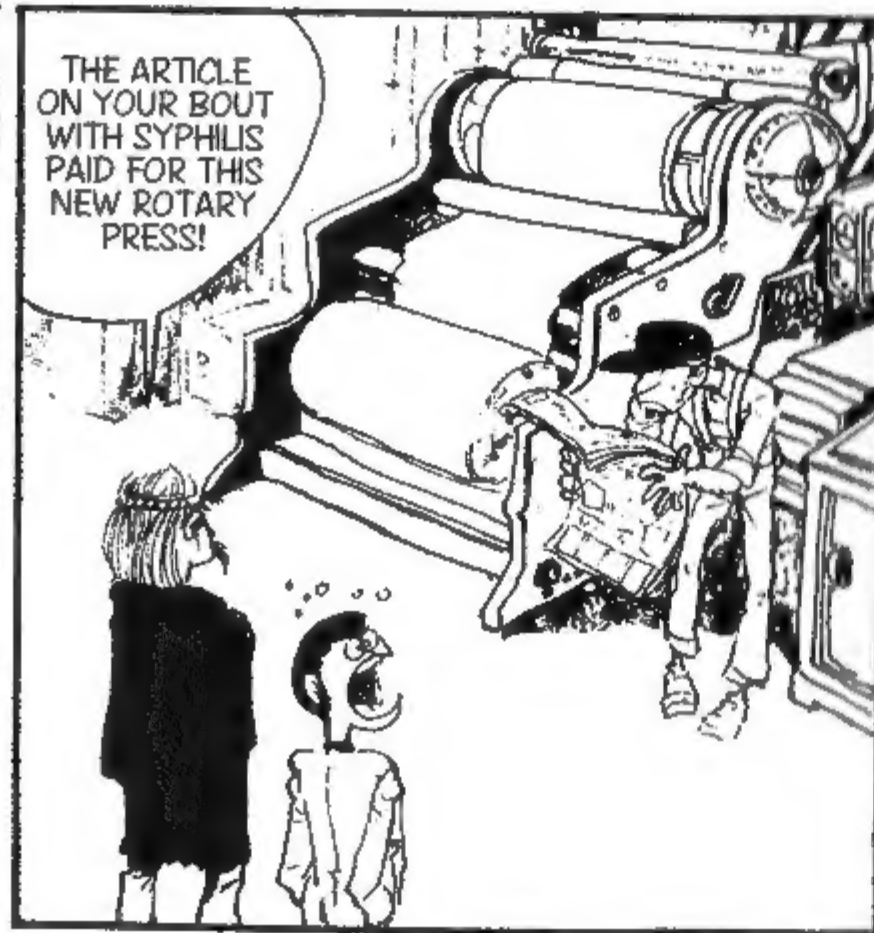
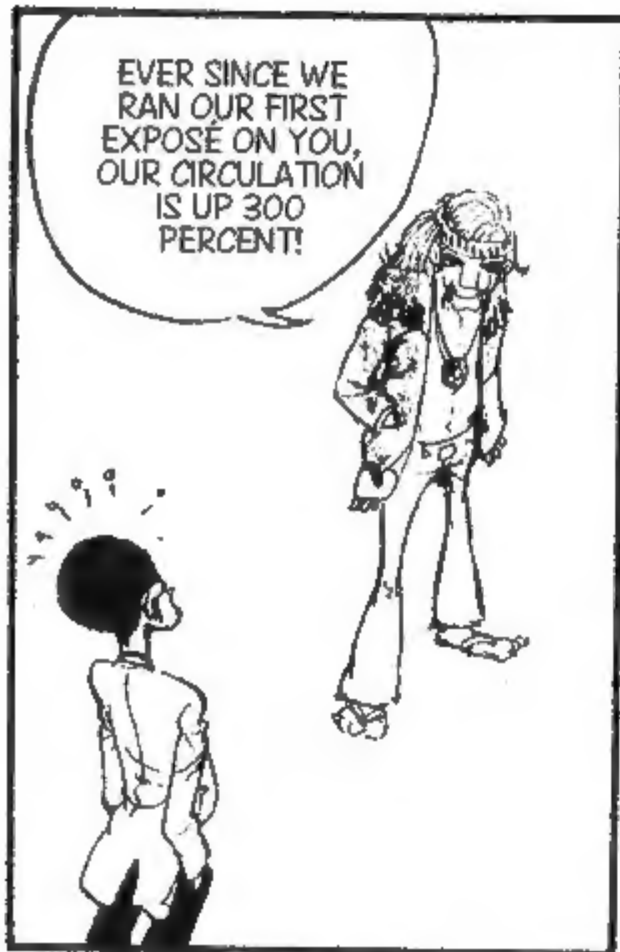
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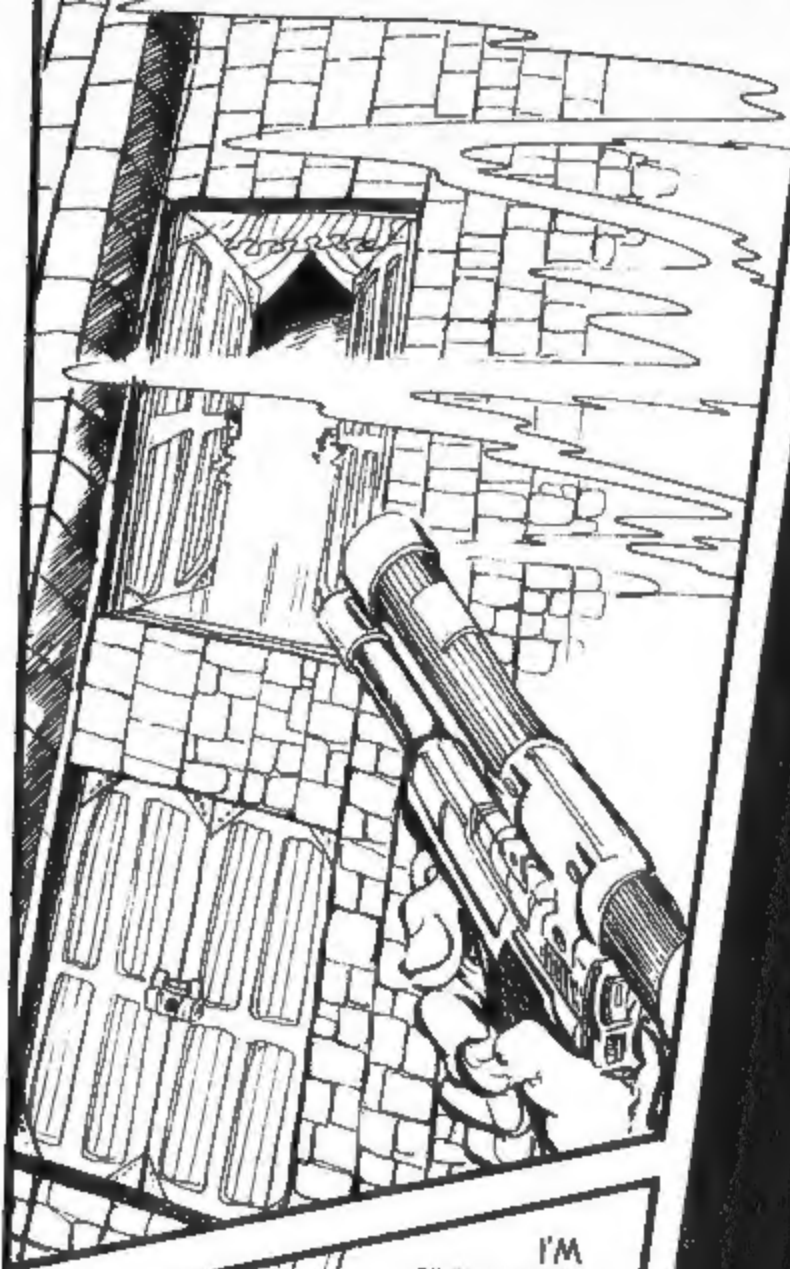
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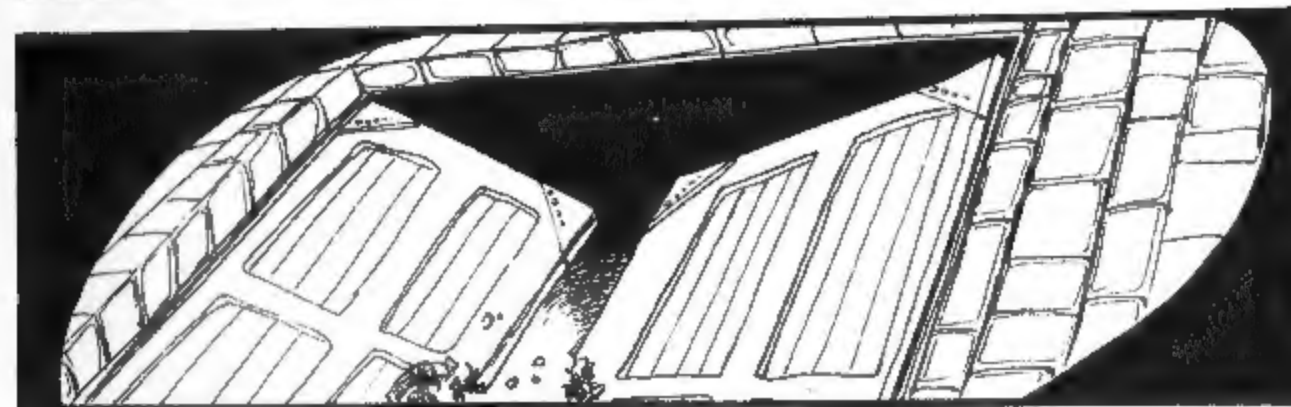
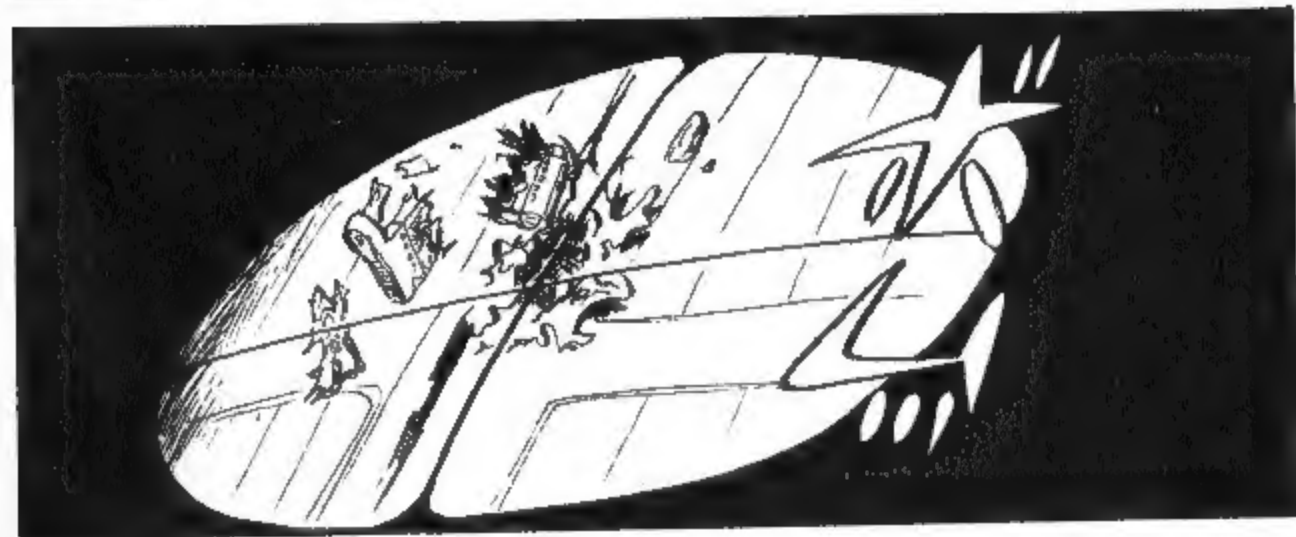
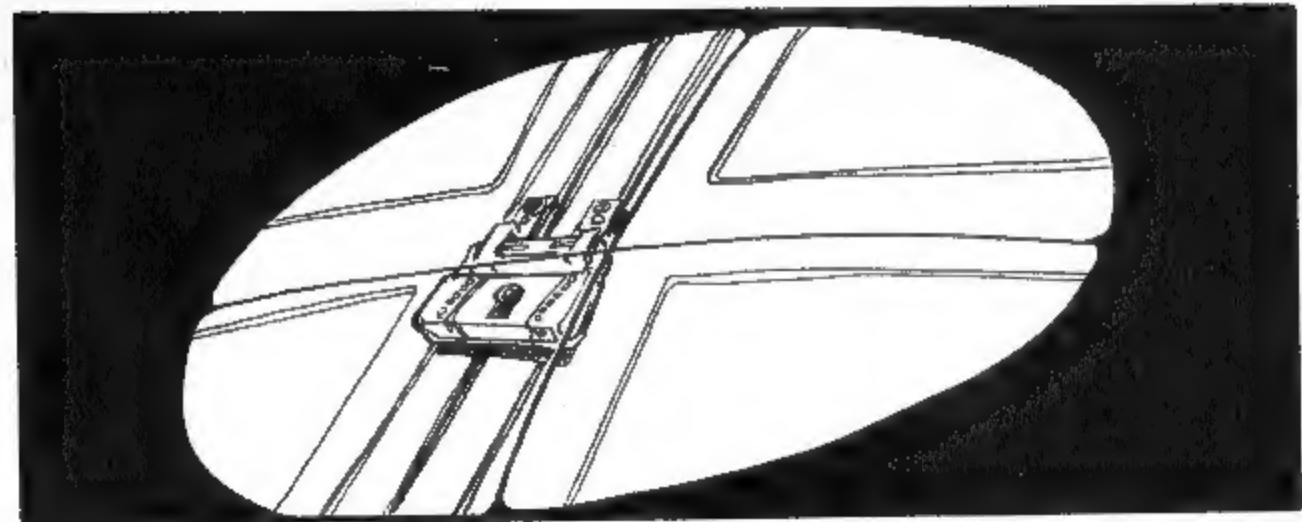
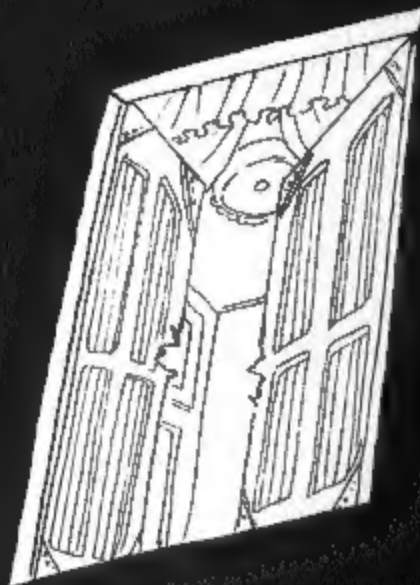


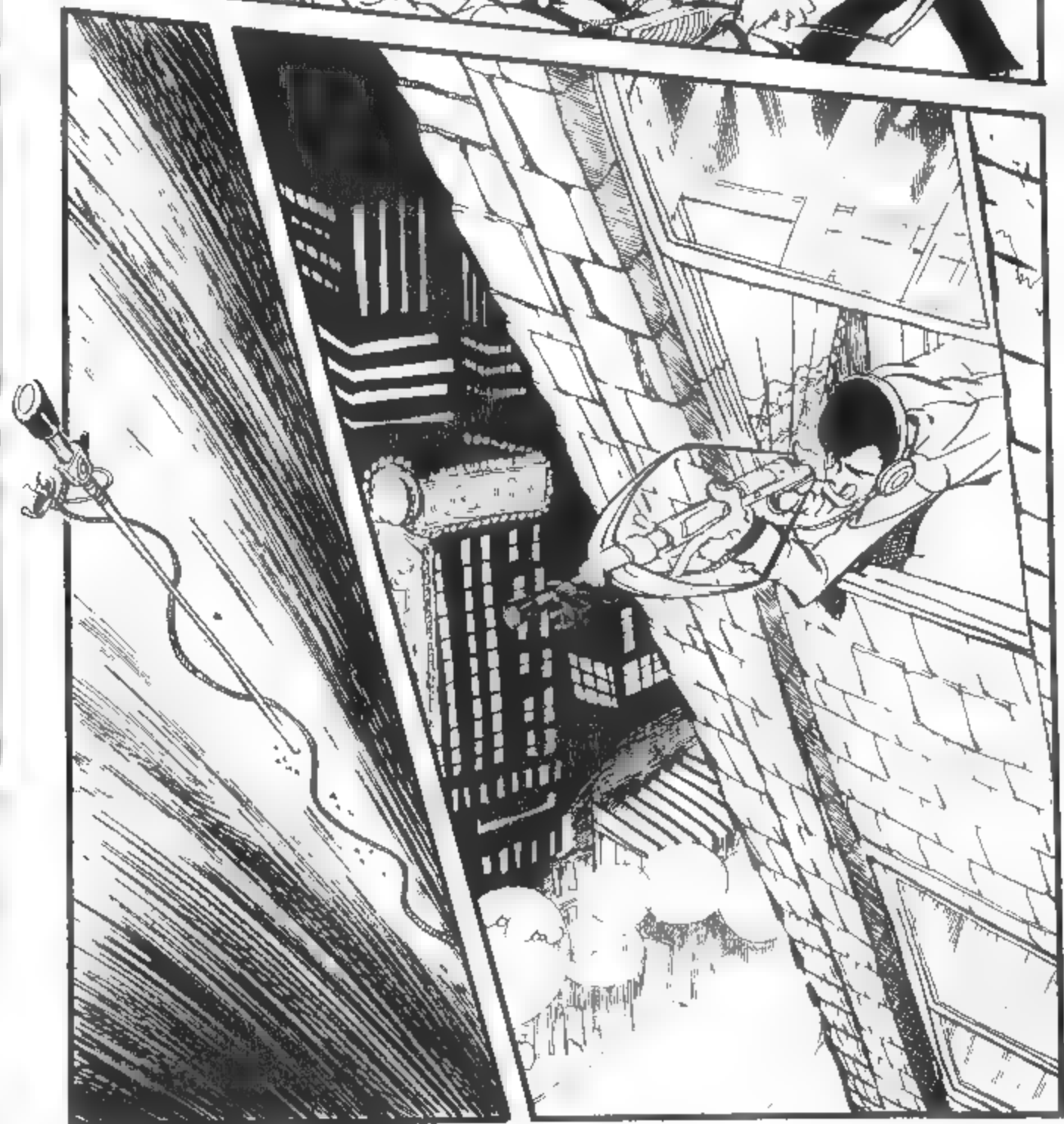
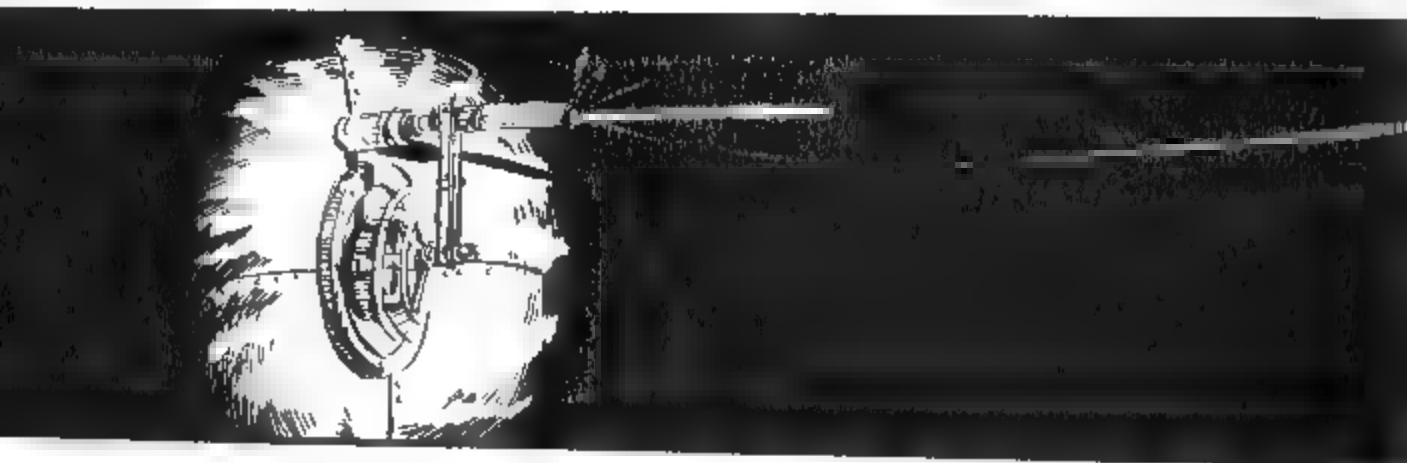
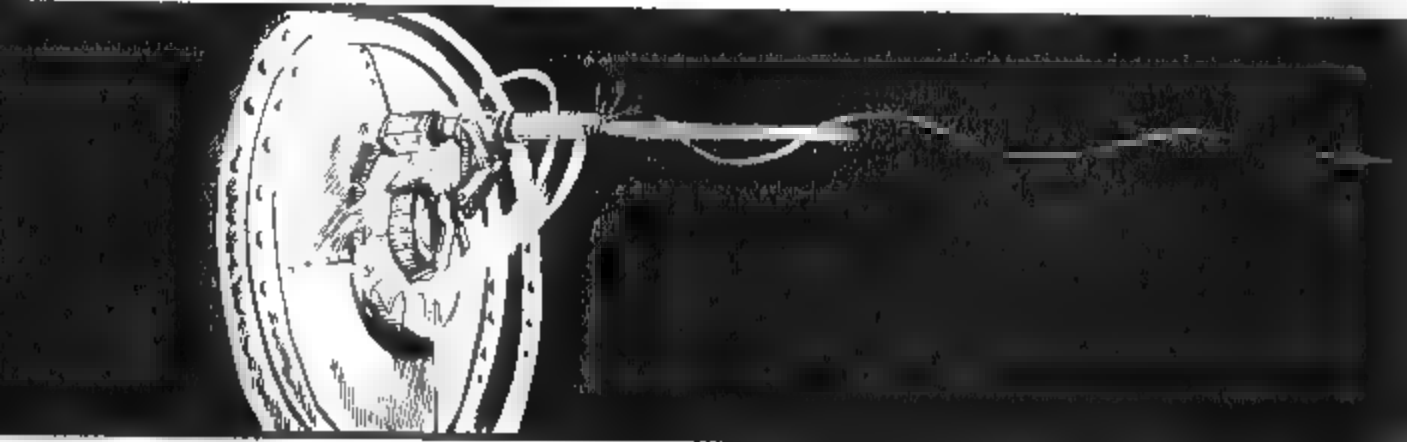
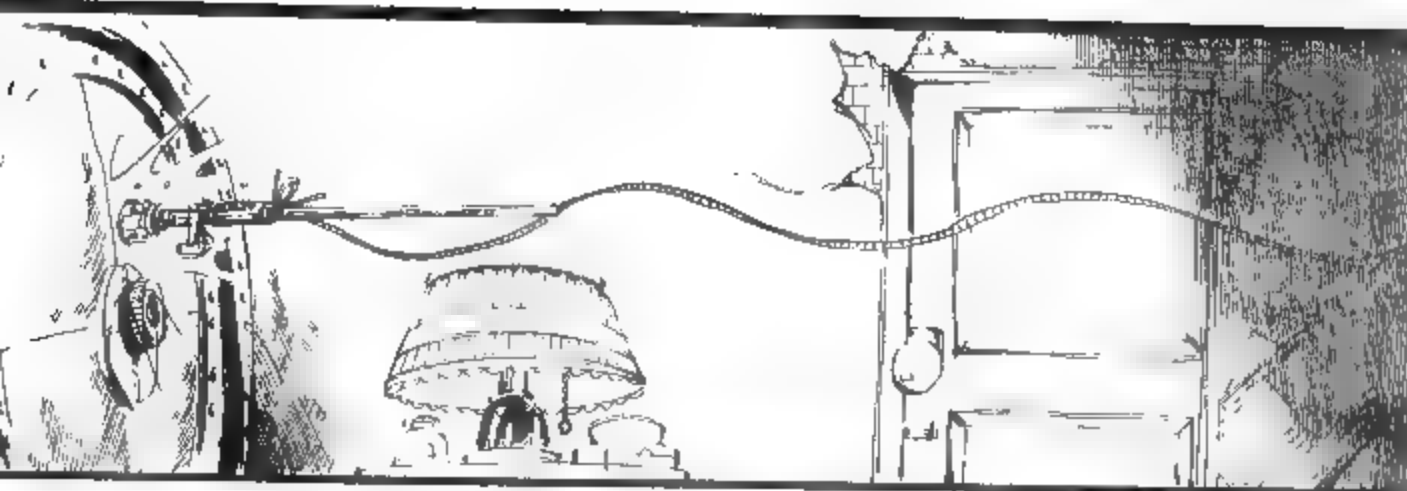






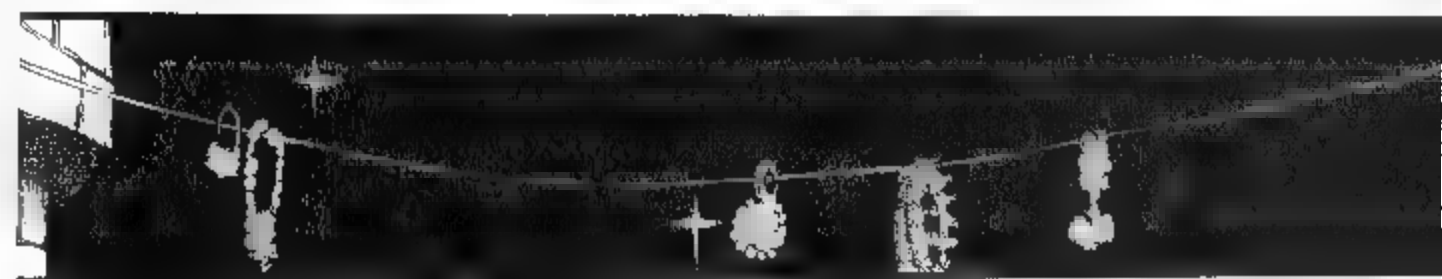
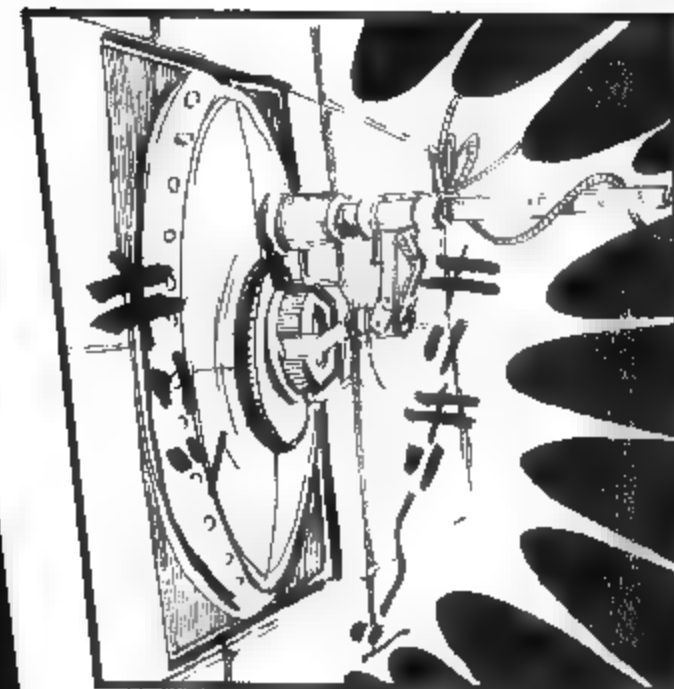
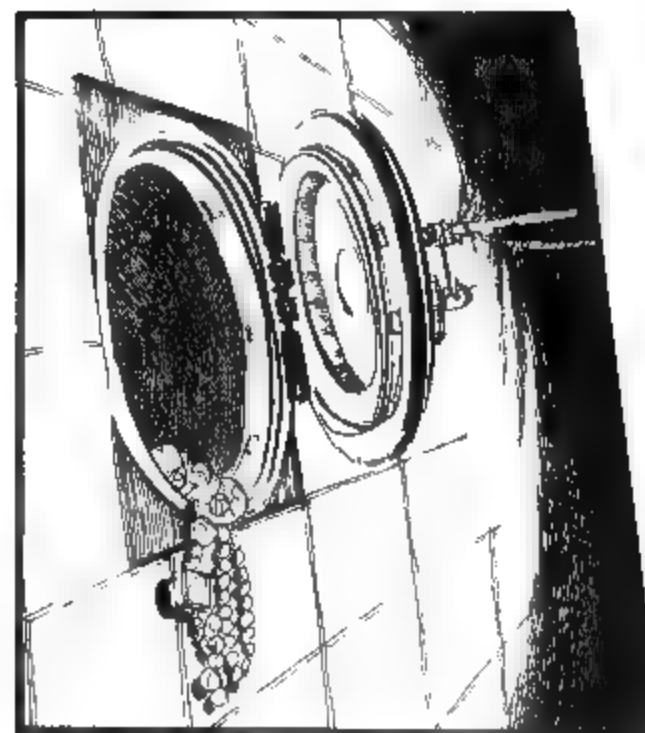
I'M
GIVING YOU
A PRESENT...
IN HONOR OF
OUR JOYOUS
REUNION.







Lupin Heists
Precious Gems.
Bugs former lover to
Take Him Back



I KEEP TELLING
YOU PEOPLE. ANY
DUMB PUNK CAN
REPORT THE FACTS
AFTER THEY'VE
TRANSPIRED.

OLD
NEWS,
BOYS.

AT THE UNDERGROUND DAILY
DAILY, WE DON'T JUST WRITE
HEADLINES. WE MAKE THEM.
WE CREATE THE ACTION PEOPLE
WANT TO READ. YOU SEE?

TOMORROW'S
FRONT PAGE.

OBSERVE,
BOYS.

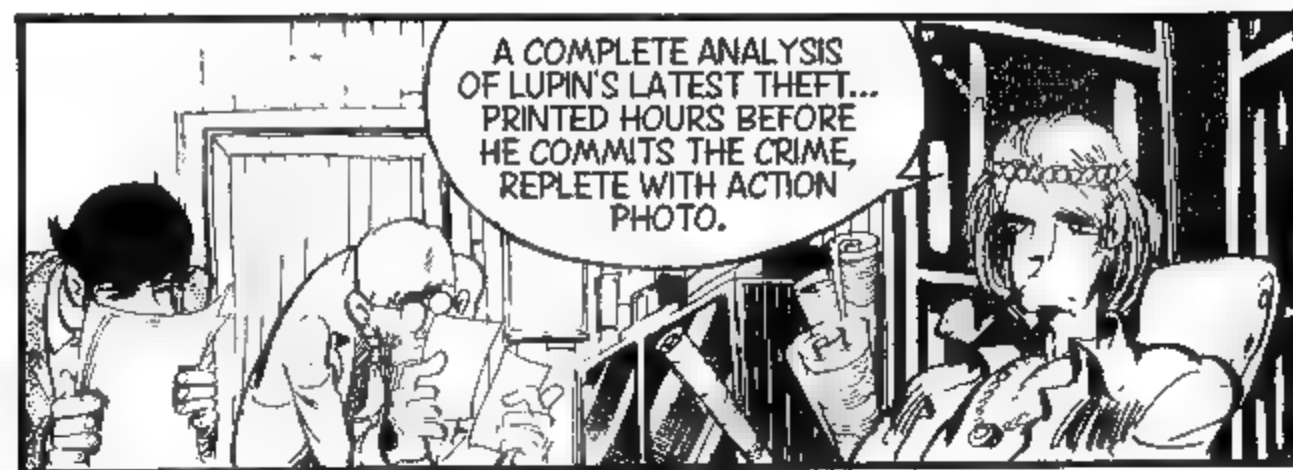
THEY PROBABLY
HAVE A LEGION
OF REPORTERS
DOGGING YOUR
EVERY MOVE.

SINCE SLAPPING YOUR
MUG ON PAGE ONE,
THEY'RE THE TOP-
SELLING PAPER IN THE
COUNTRY.

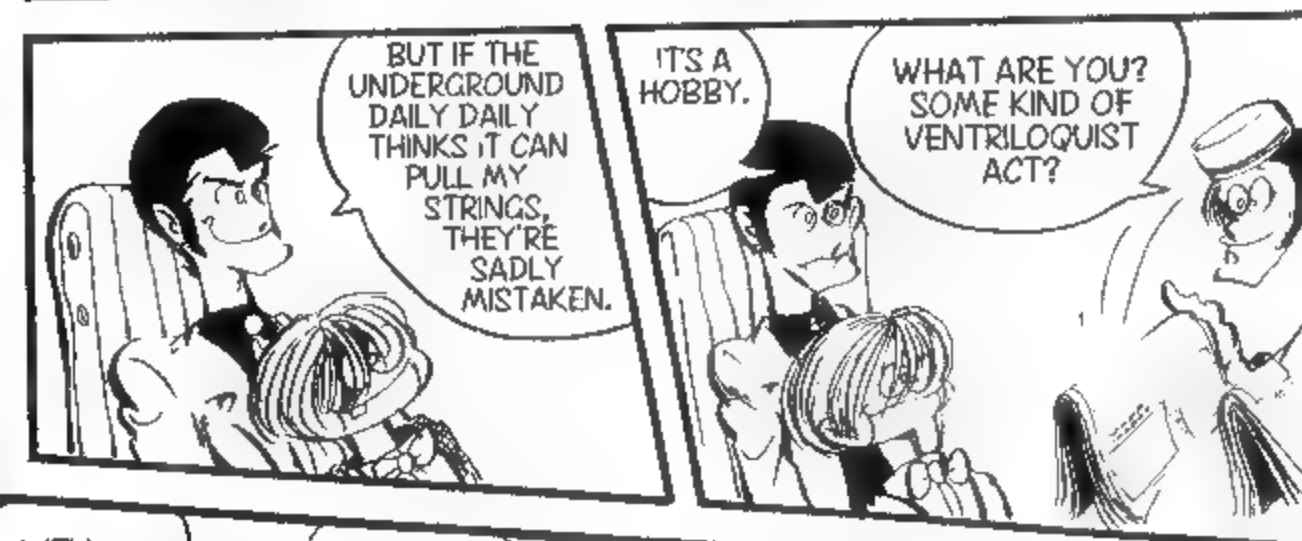
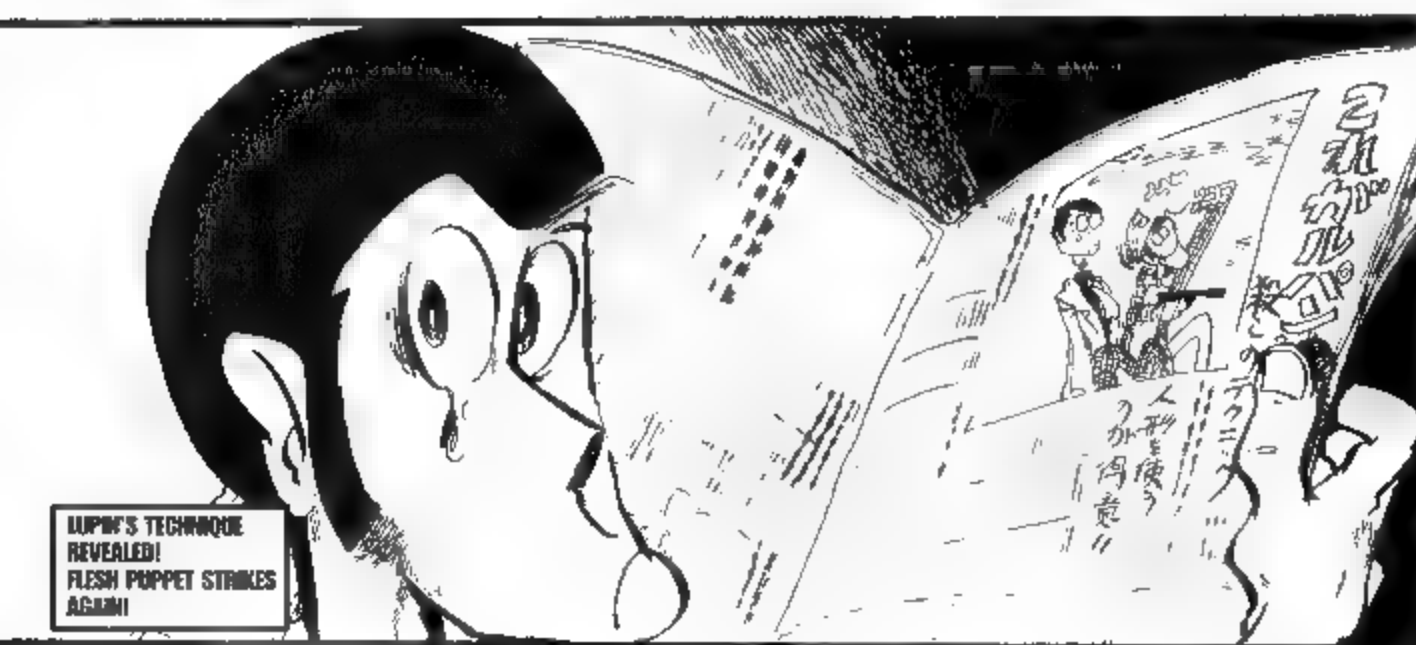
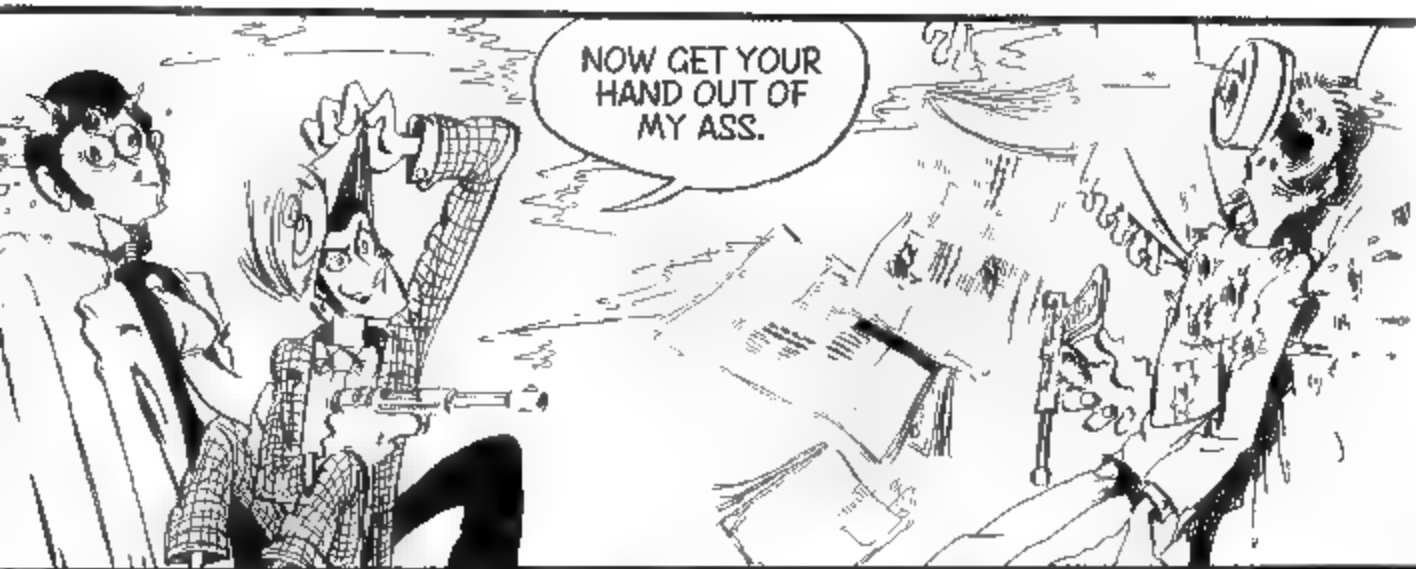


LUPIN HIJACKS
BULLET TRAIN!!

LUPIN BEDS
COUNTLESS
WOMEN!!









I CAN SEE IT NOW.
FRONT PAGE TEASER,
DOUBLE SPREAD
ON PAGE
TWO WITH
A PHOTO
GALLERY.



BUT IT'LL
BE A
WHOPPER!

WE'LL
ONLY RUN
ONE MORE
STORY ON
LUPIN!



I
PRO-
MISE.

JUST ONE
MORE.

I'M SERIOUS. YOU
SHOULD PULL OUT
NOW WHILE YOU
STILL GOT YOUR
HEAD.



WAIT! LET
ME SEE!!

I WANT THIS
ON EVERY
NEWSSTAND
IN JAPAN.

INSERT THIS
ARTICLE AND
PHOTO IN THE
EVENING EDITION
OF OUR LUPIN
SERIES!



I KNOW HIM
LIKE THE
BACK
OF MY
HAND.

DEAR BROTHER,
MY RELATION-
SHIP WITH LUPIN
GOES BACK A
LONG WAY.

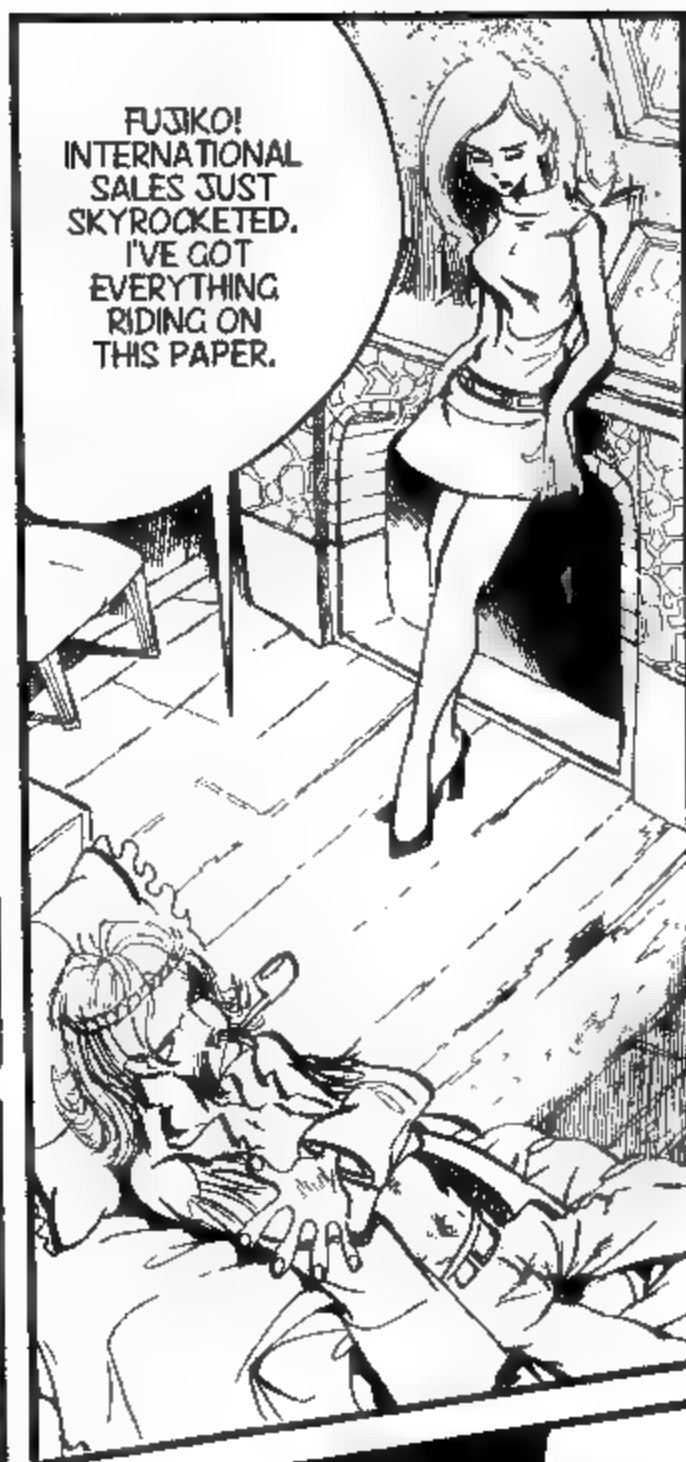


THAT'S WHY
I OFFERED
MY HELP.
BUT...



...IT'LL BE
A FOOL'S
MOVE TO
CONTINUE.

IF LUPIN IS
CLAMOR-
ING FOR
REVENGE
...

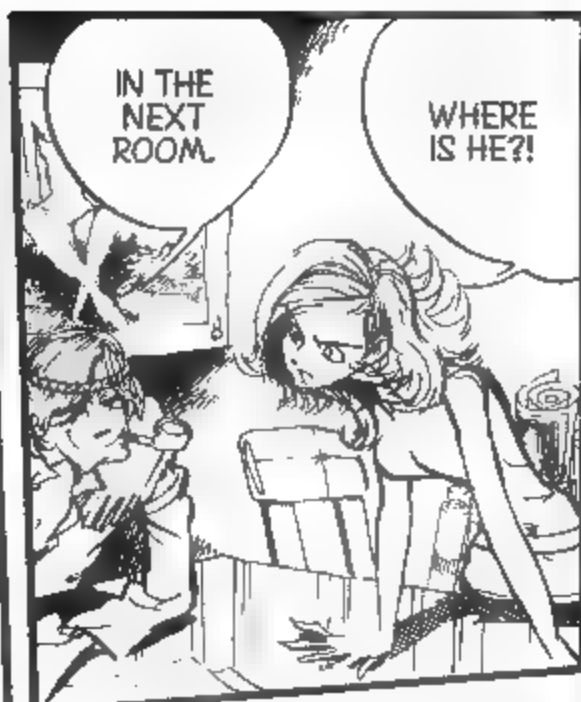


FUJIKO!
INTERNATIONAL
SALES JUST
SKYROCKETED.
I'VE GOT
EVERYTHING
RIDING ON
THIS PAPER.



WE'VE RUN THE RACE.
YOUR ADVICE HAS TAKEN ME
A LONG WAY. I'D BE A FOOL
TO IGNORE IT NOW.

I SEE.



IN THE
NEXT
ROOM.

WHERE
IS HE?!



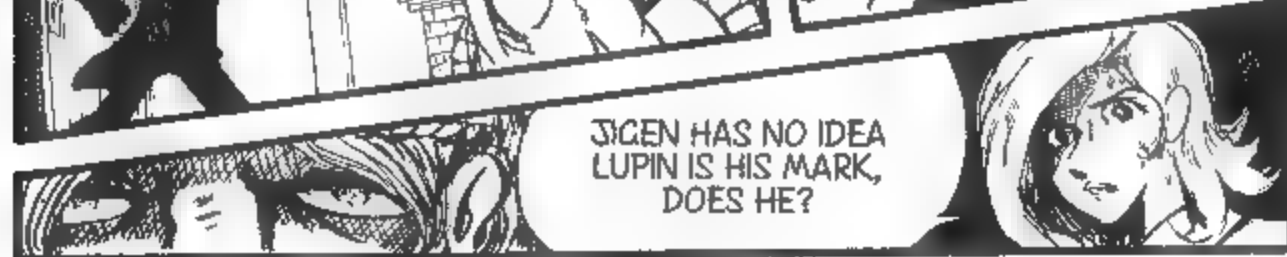
HEY THERE, MINE-CHAN.
LONG TIME NO SEE, SO
WHERE'S LUPIN-KUN?

JIGEN!!

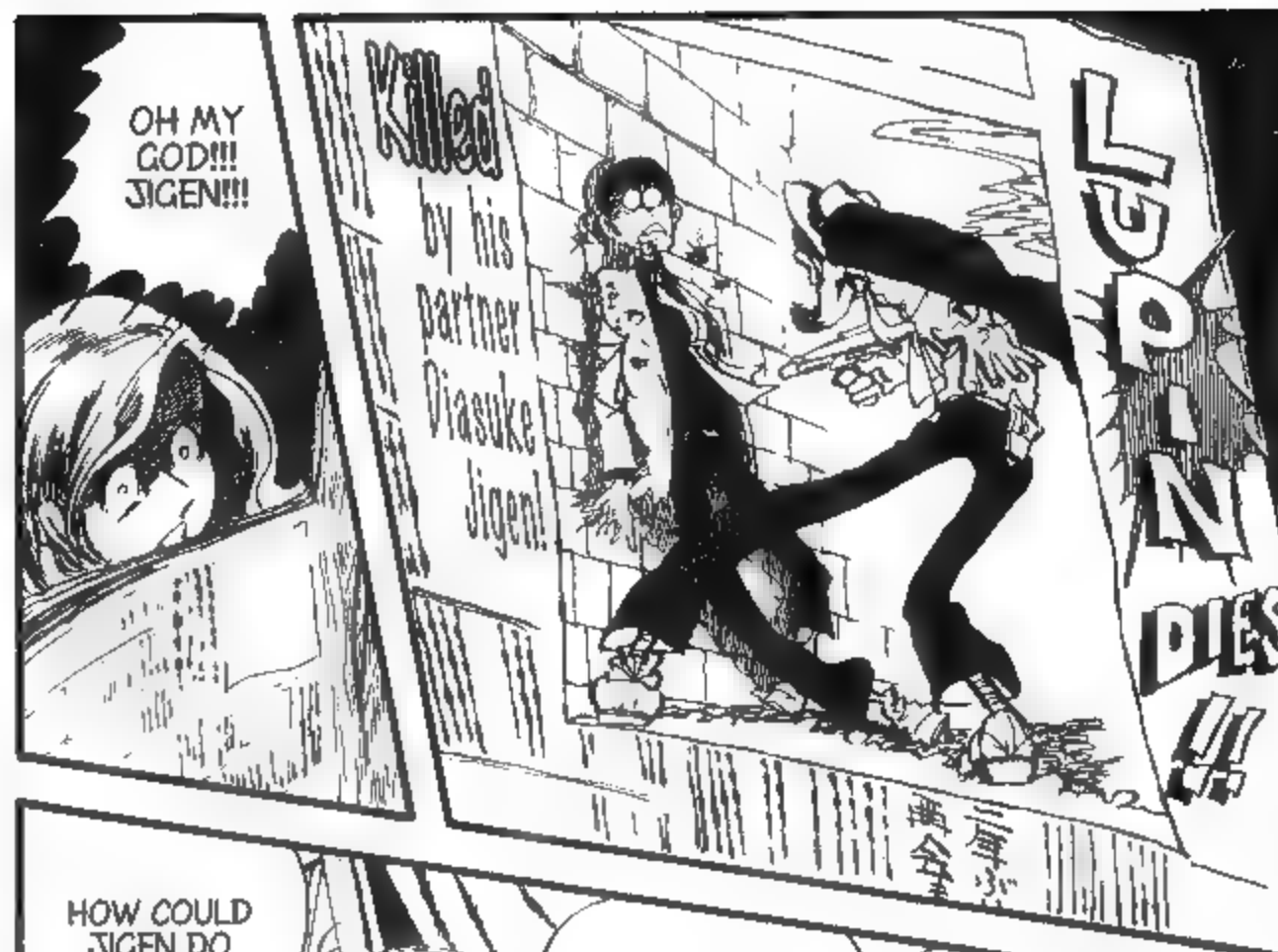


BE CAREFUL,
HE'S A
DANGEROUS
FELLOW.

I NEED YOU TO
ELIMINATE SOME-
ONE ELSE BEFORE
I REUNITE YOU WITH
YOUR BEST FRIEND.



JIGEN HAS NO IDEA
LUPIN IS HIS MARK,
DOES HE?



OH MY
GOD!!!
JIGEN!!!

Killed
by his
partner
Diasuke
Jigen!

LUPIN
DIES!!



HOW COULD
JIGEN DO
SUCH A
THING?

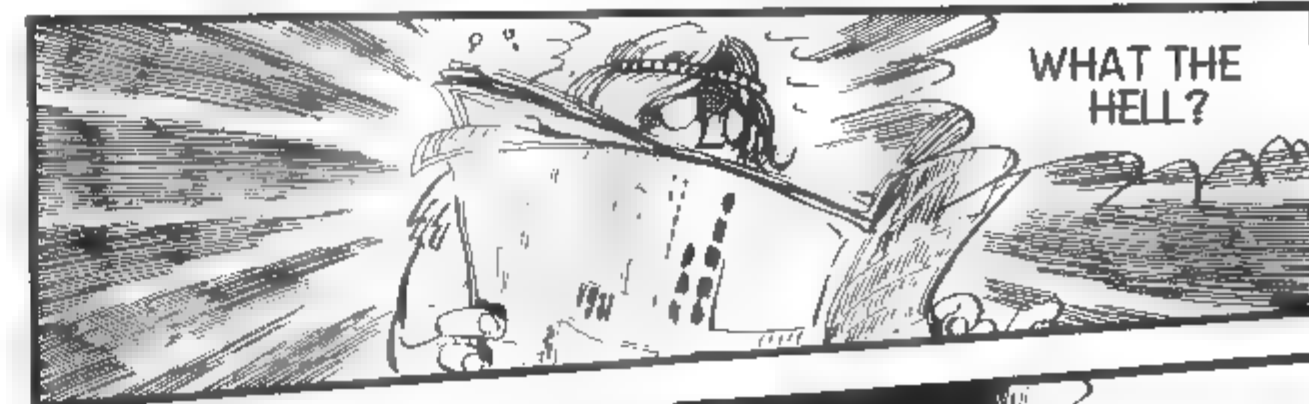
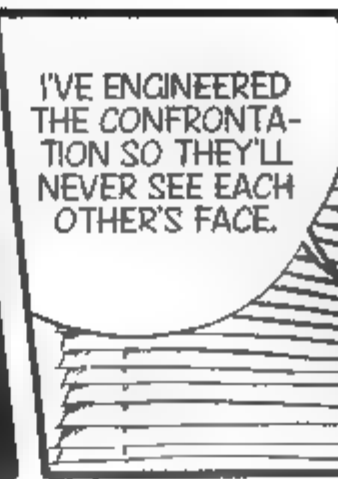
LUPIN AND JIGEN
HAVE BEEN
BEST FRIENDS
FOREVER.

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.



A FINAL REUNION AND
A FINAL BATTLE FOR THE
GREAT LUPIN. I CAN'T THINK
OF A BETTER SWAN SONG.

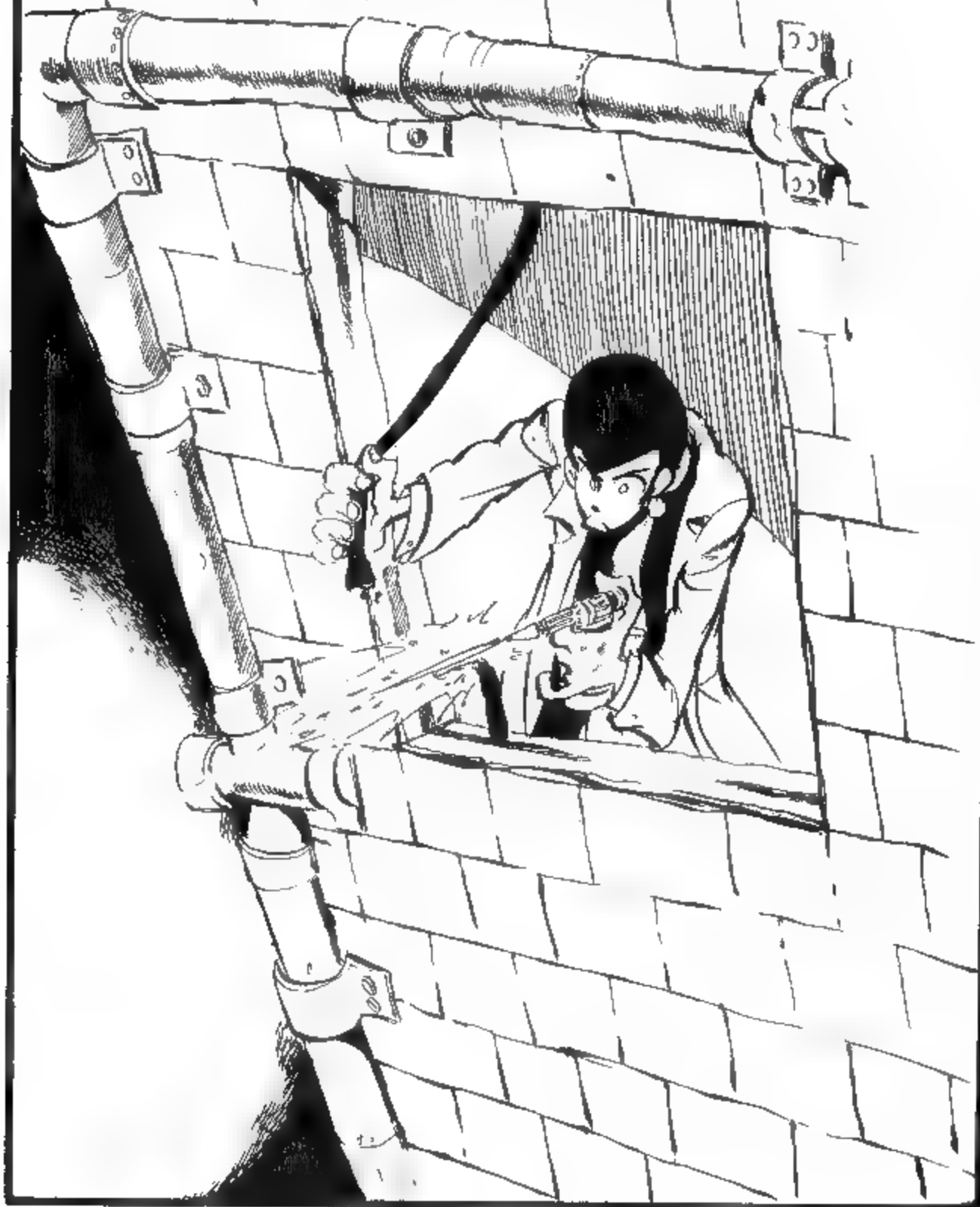
OLD FRIENDS
WITH OLD
SCORES TO
SETTLE.

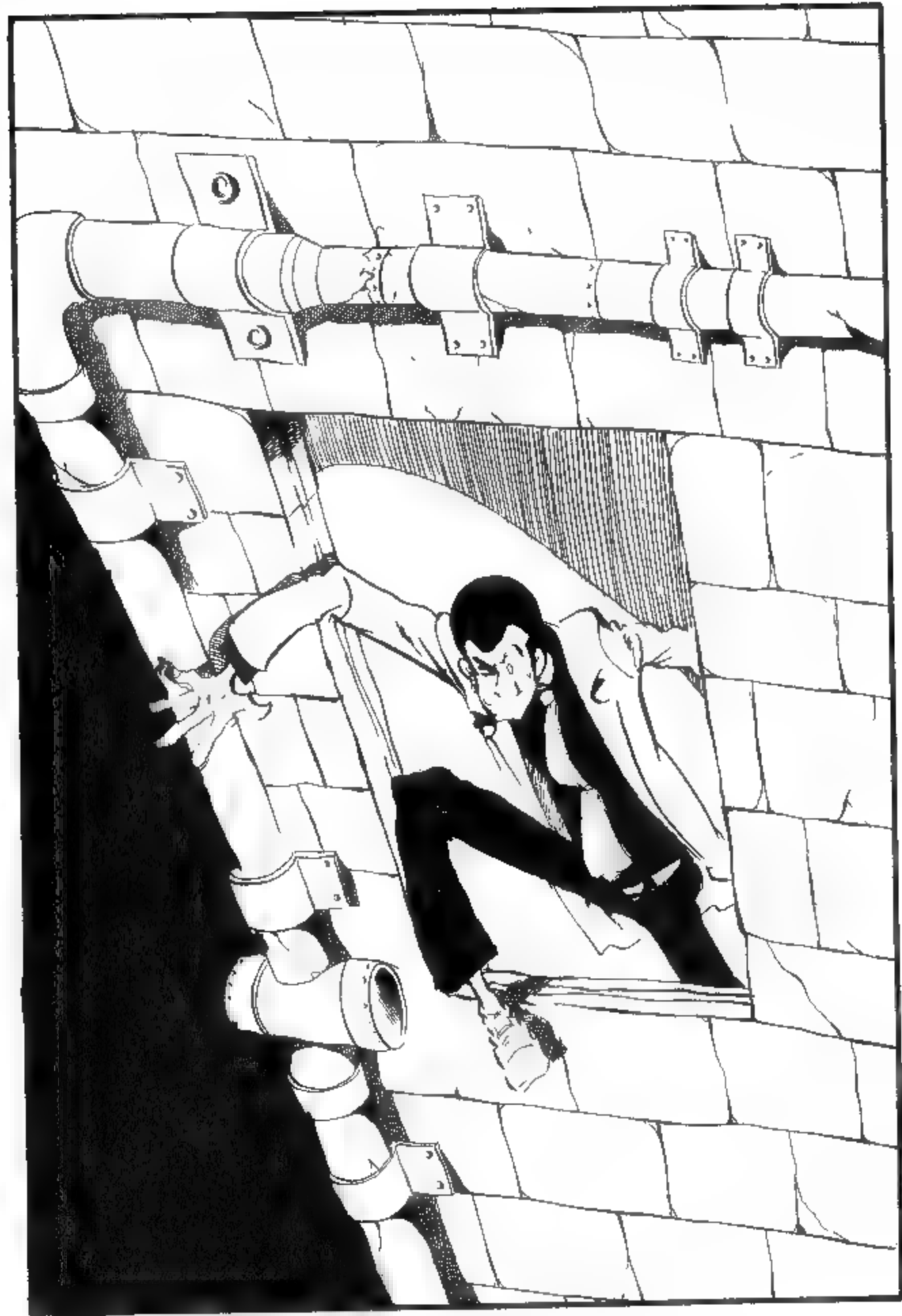


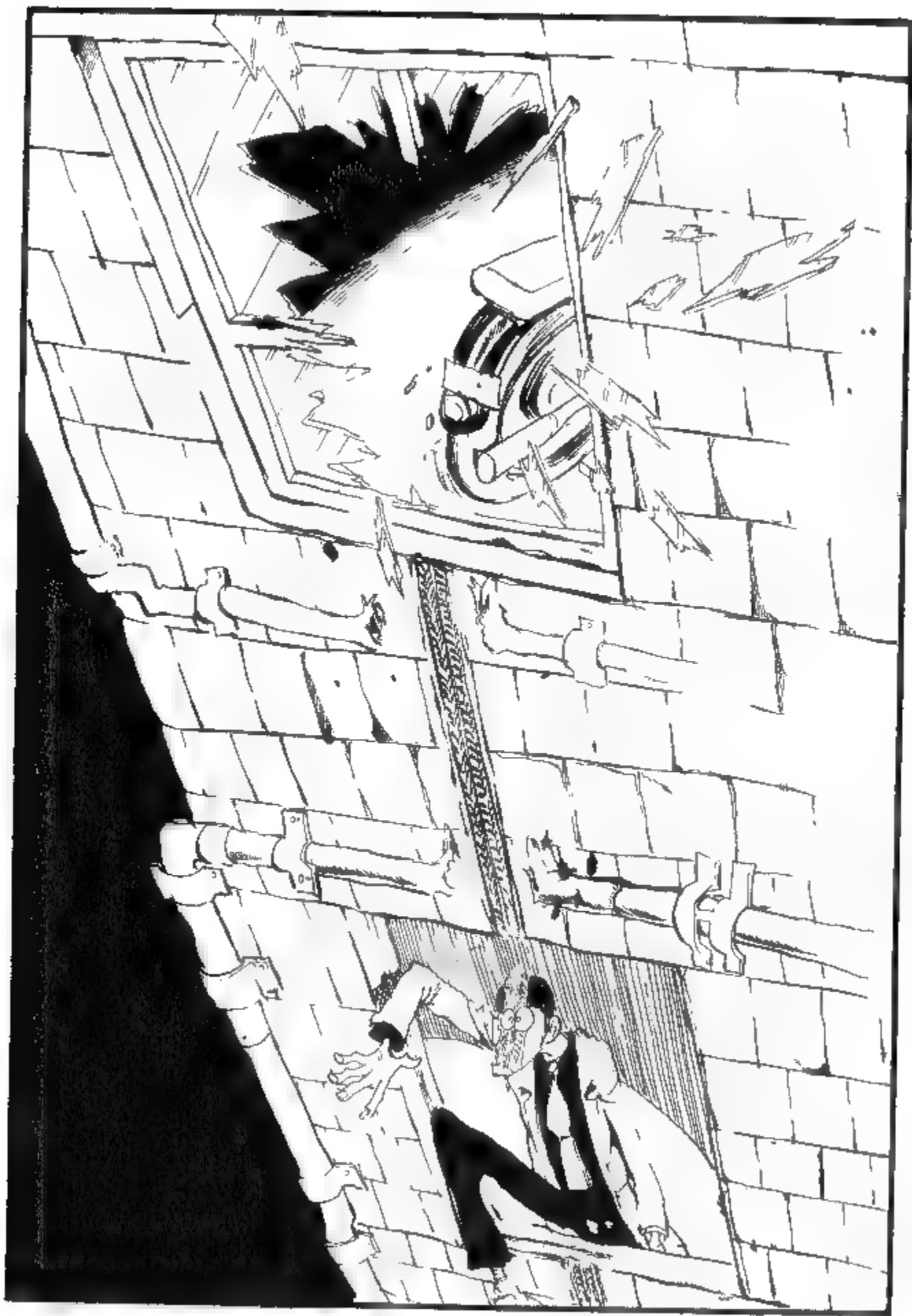


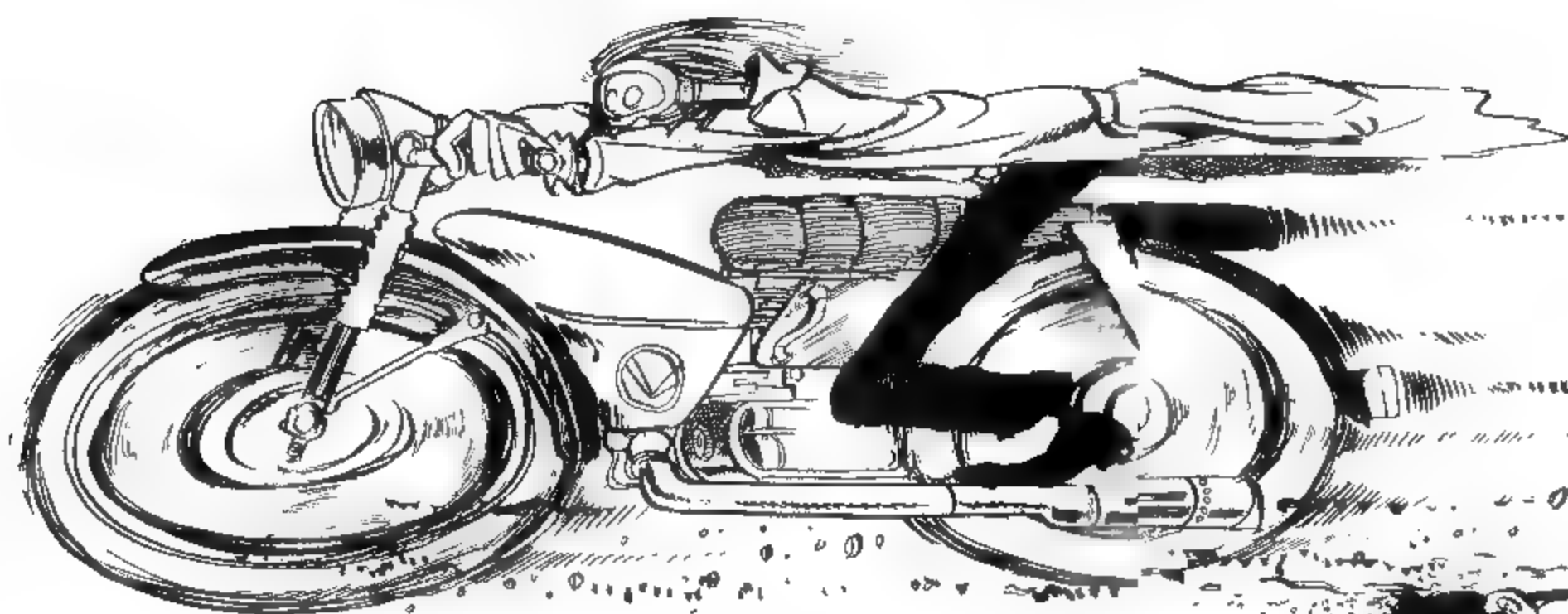
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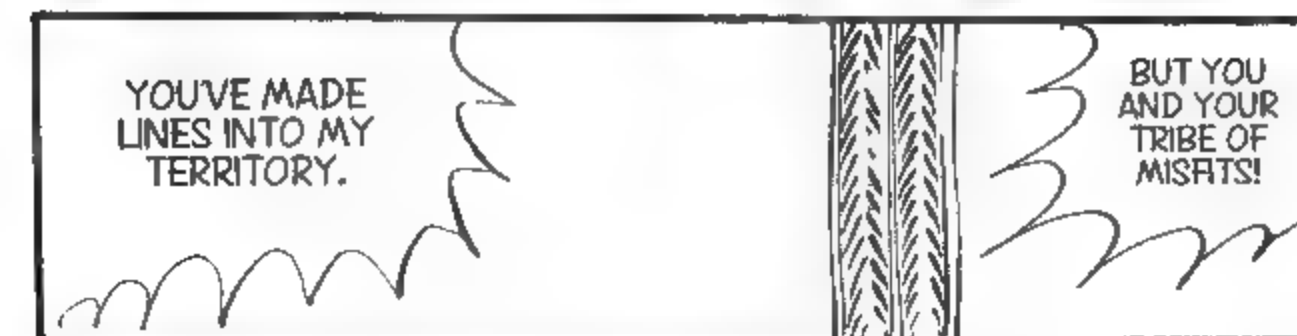
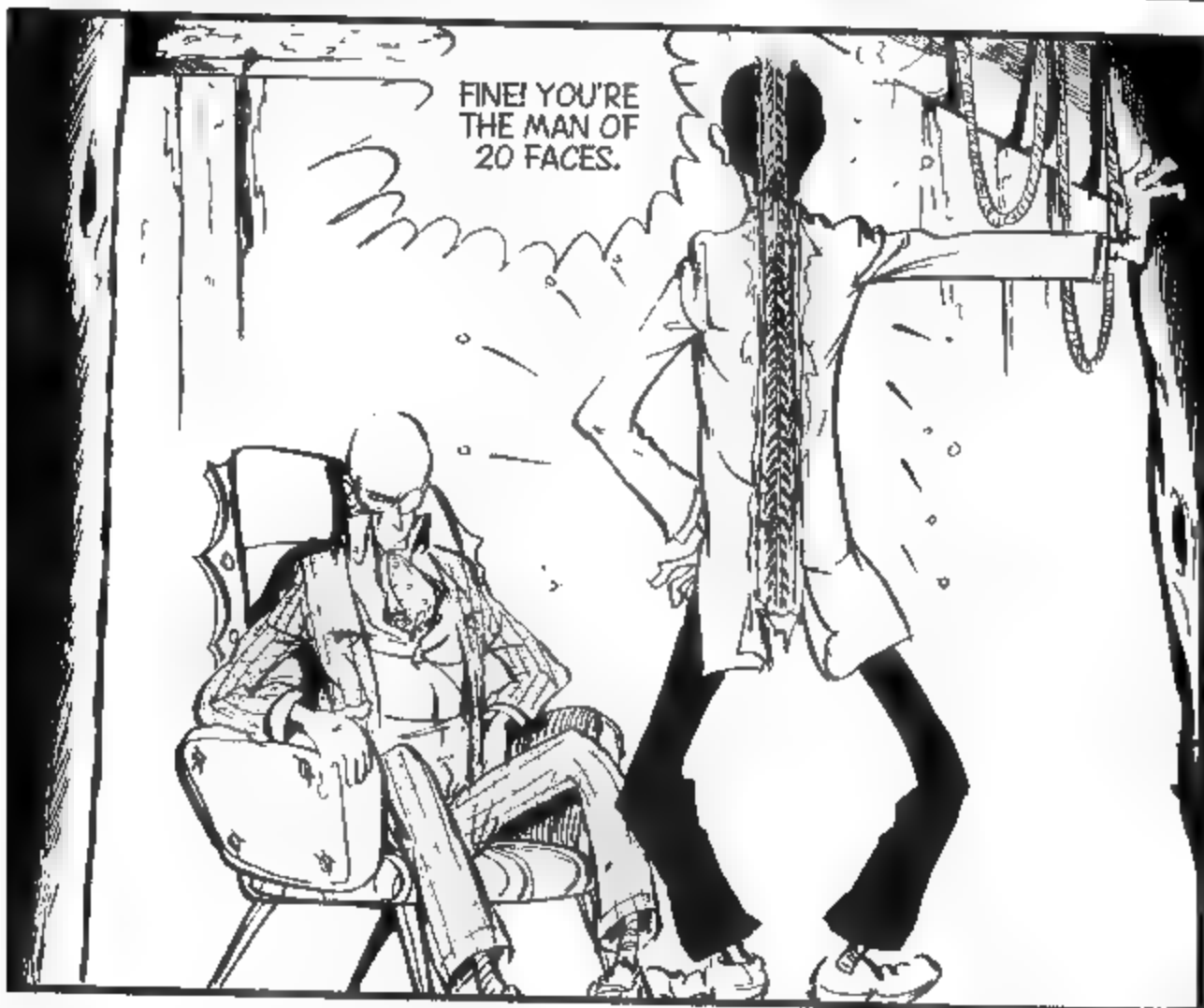
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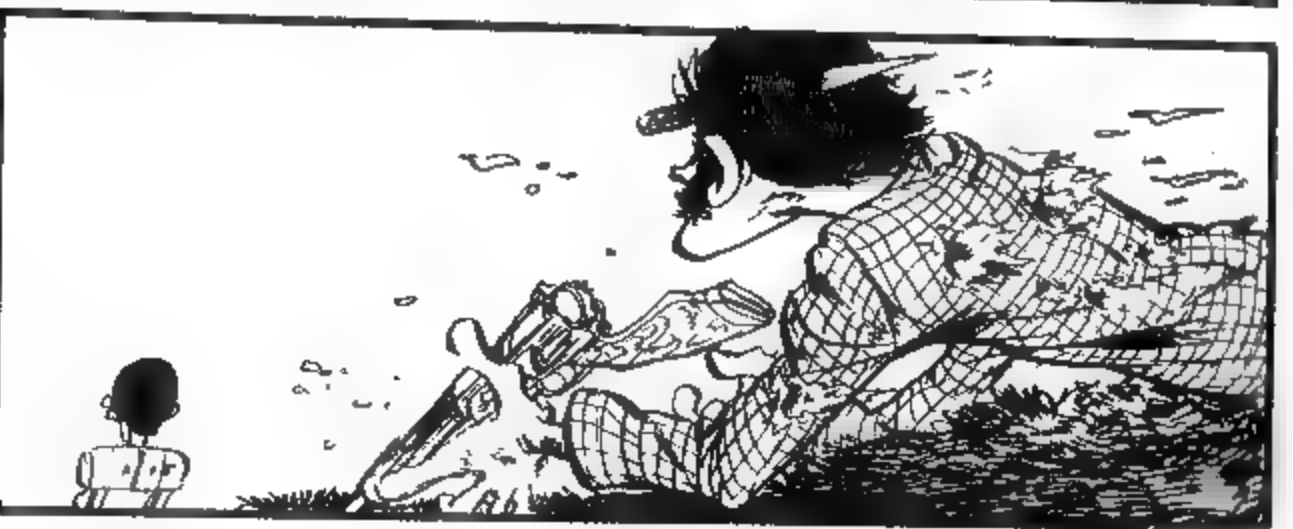
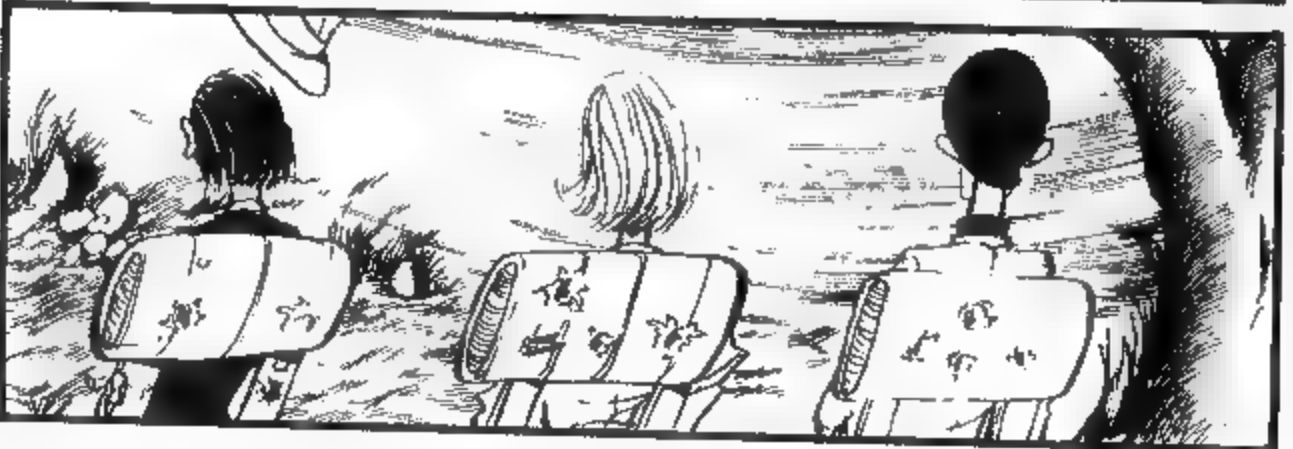


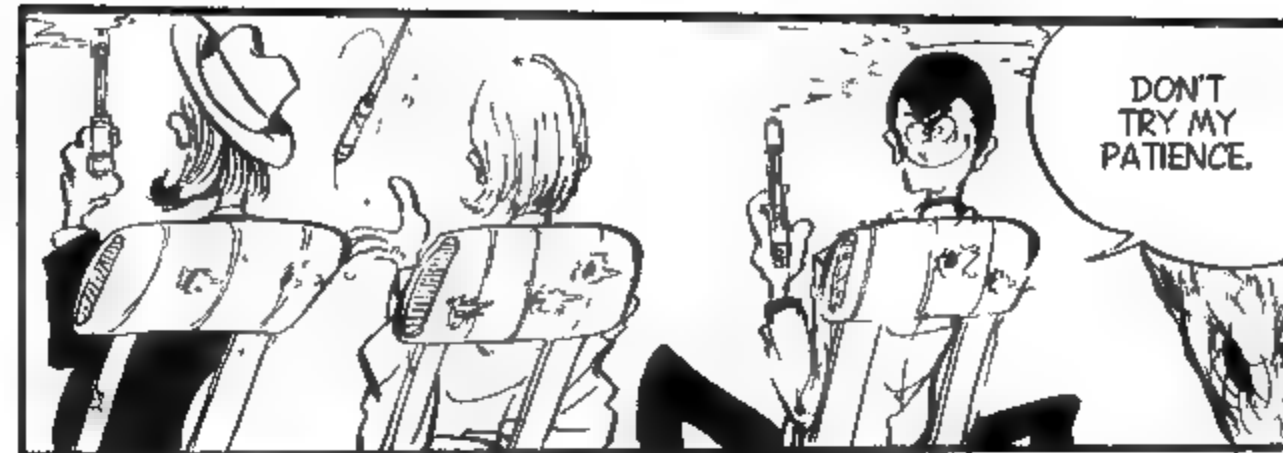
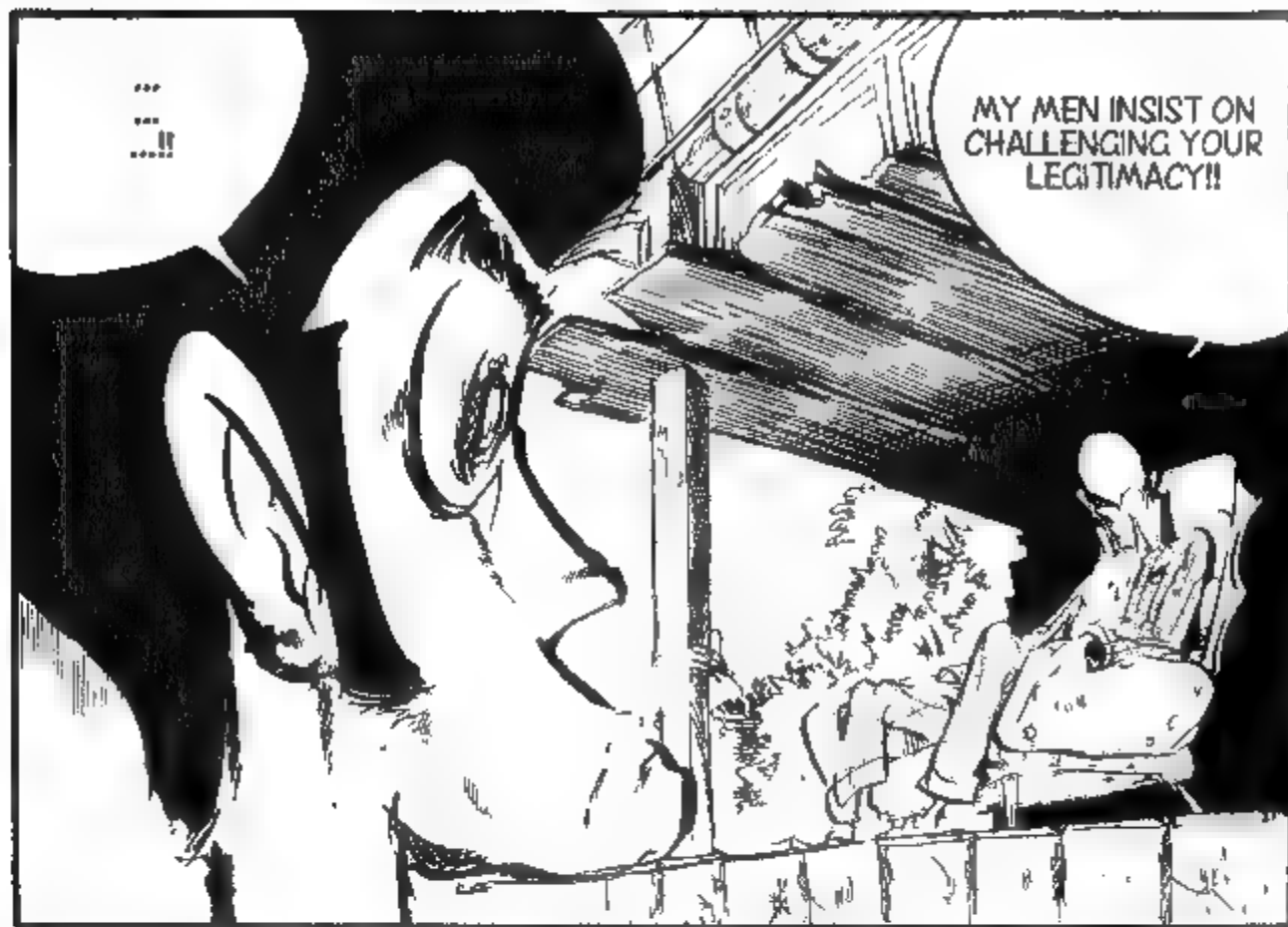






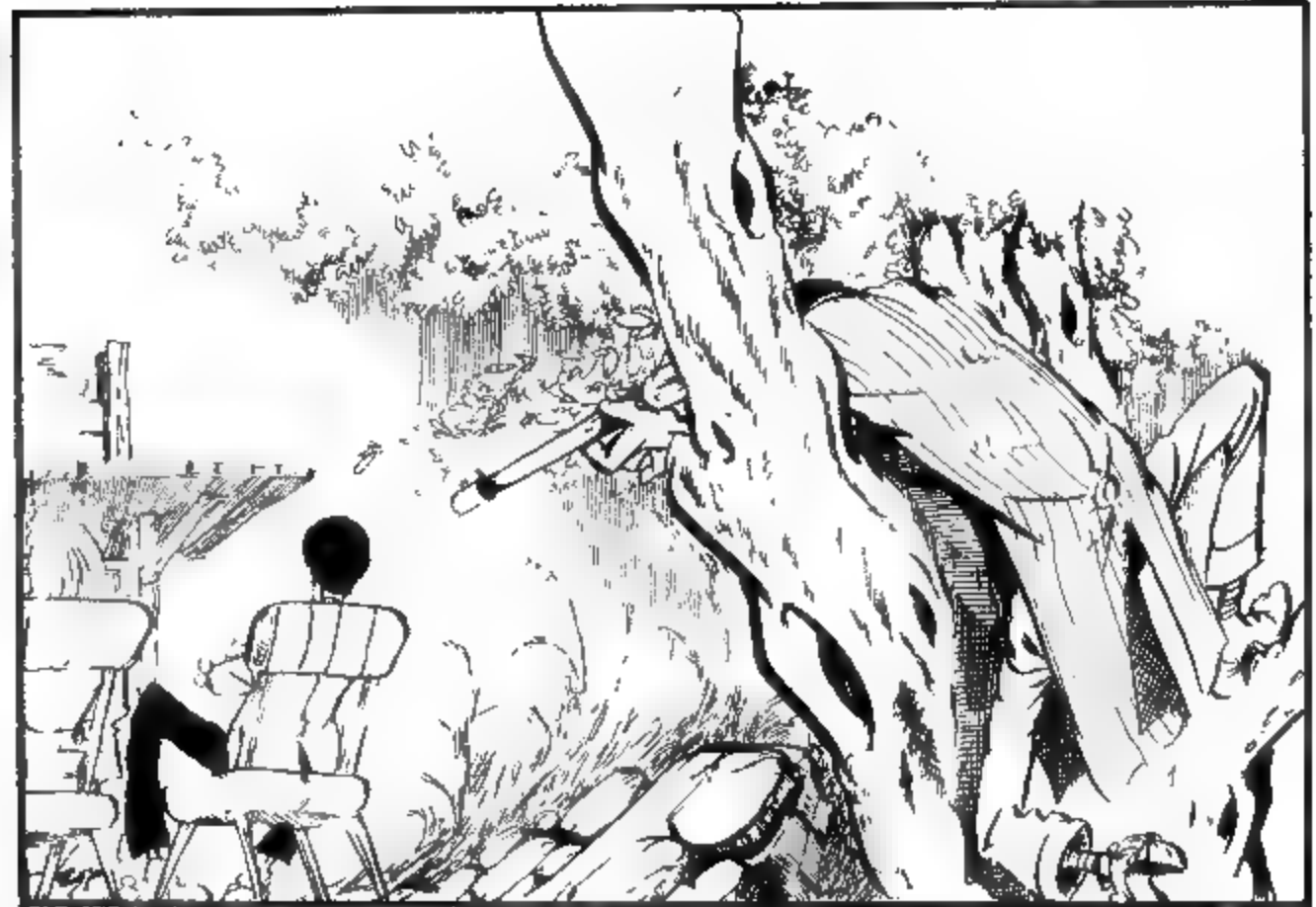
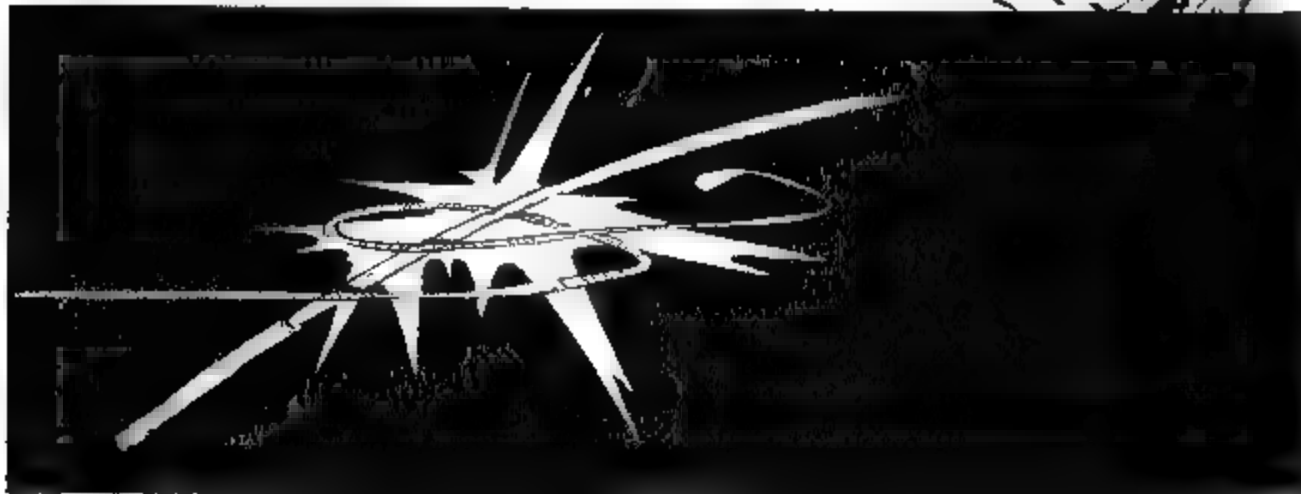








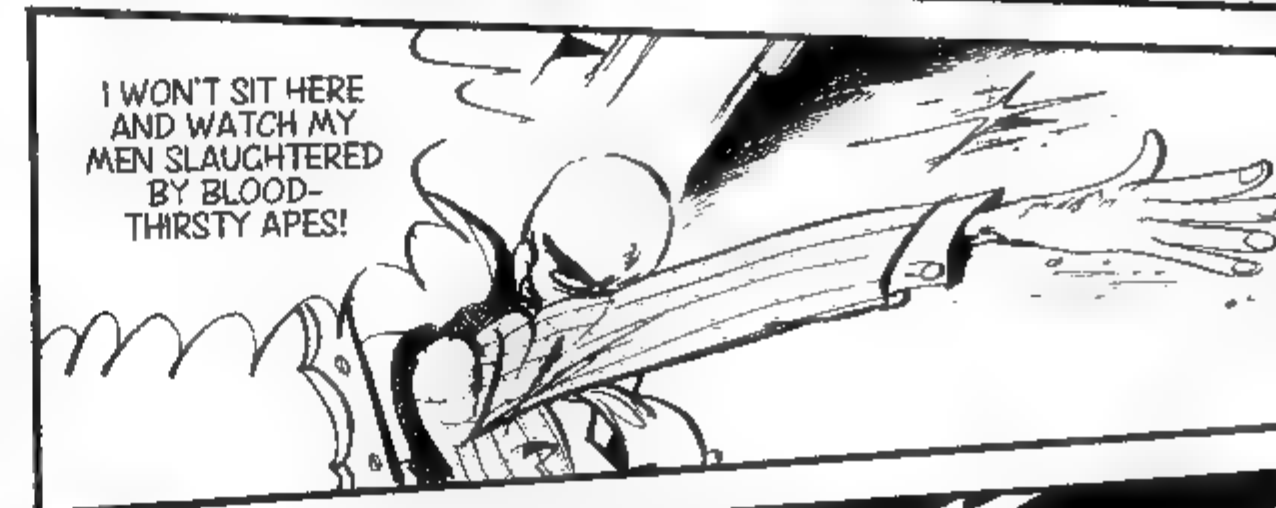
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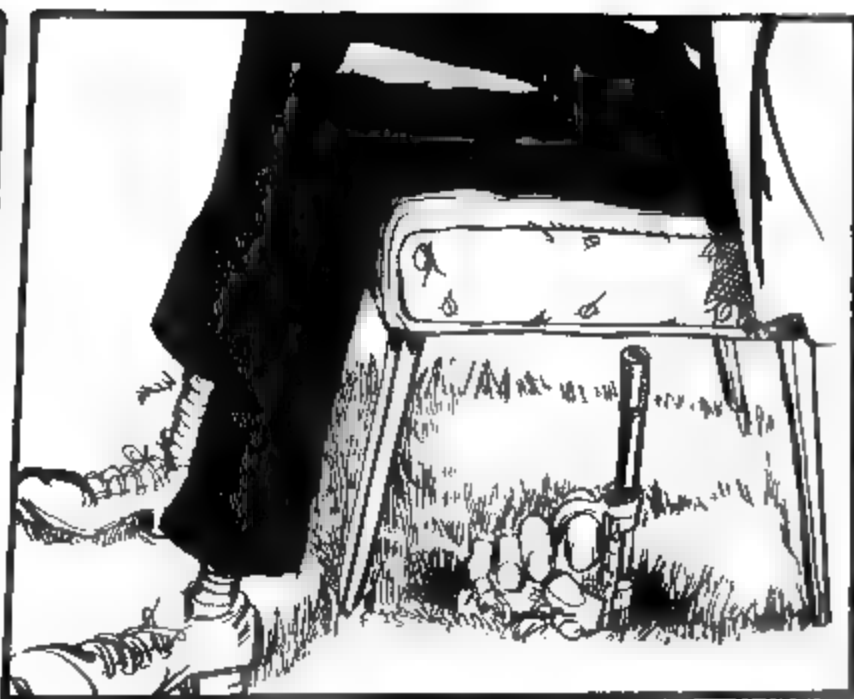


I FEAR MUCH
BLOOD WILL
BE SHED.



IN THE TREES!!

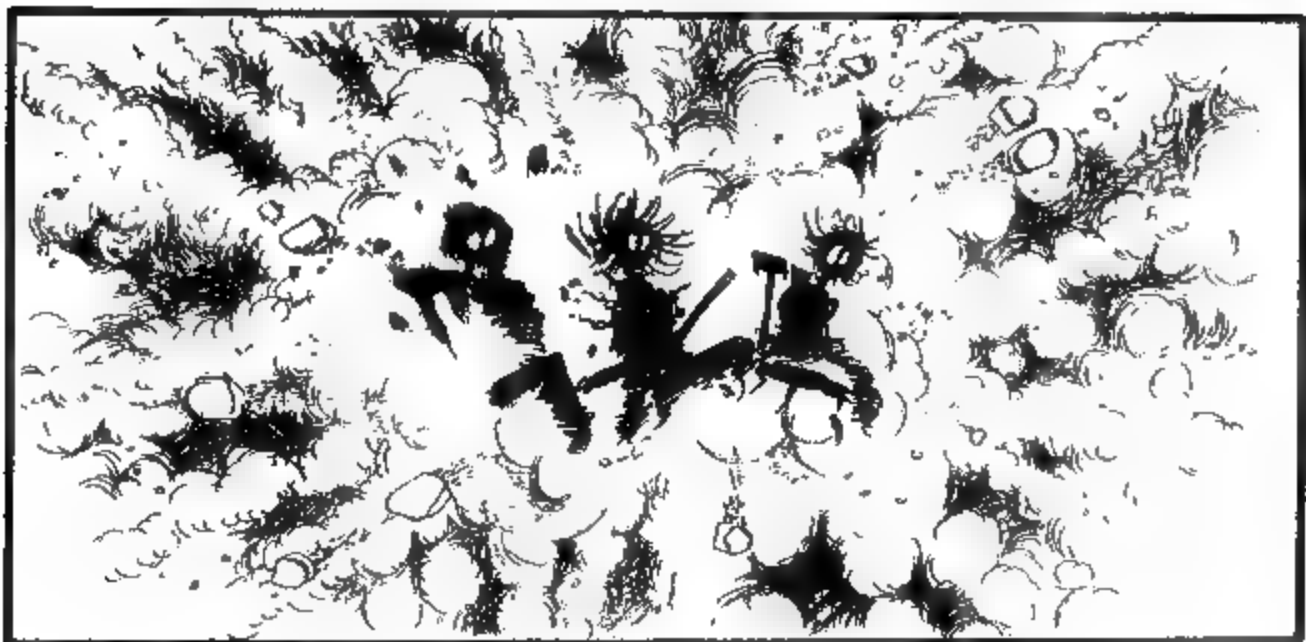






UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
GENTLEMEN.

I NEED TIME TO
ORGANIZE MY
STRATEGY.



THE TIME FOR TALK
HAS PASSED.



ANY TIME.
ANY PLACE.

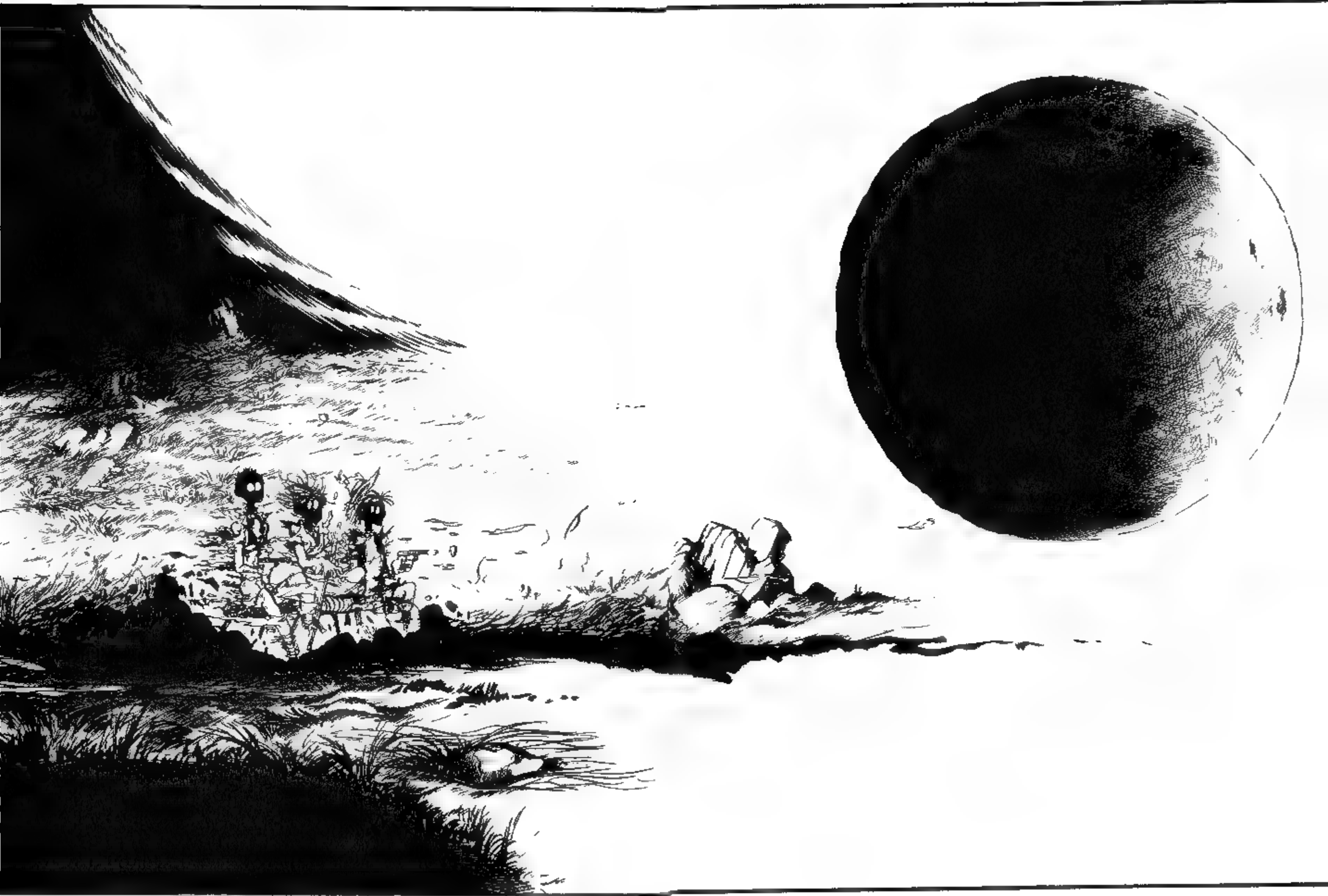


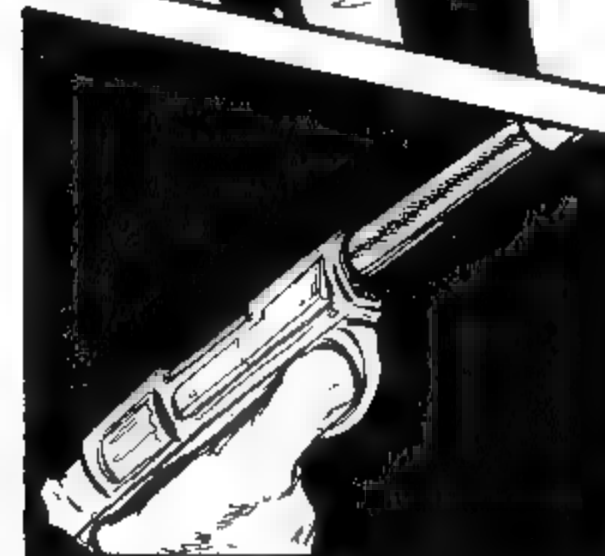
YOU WANT
A FIGHT?
YOU'VE
GOT ONE.

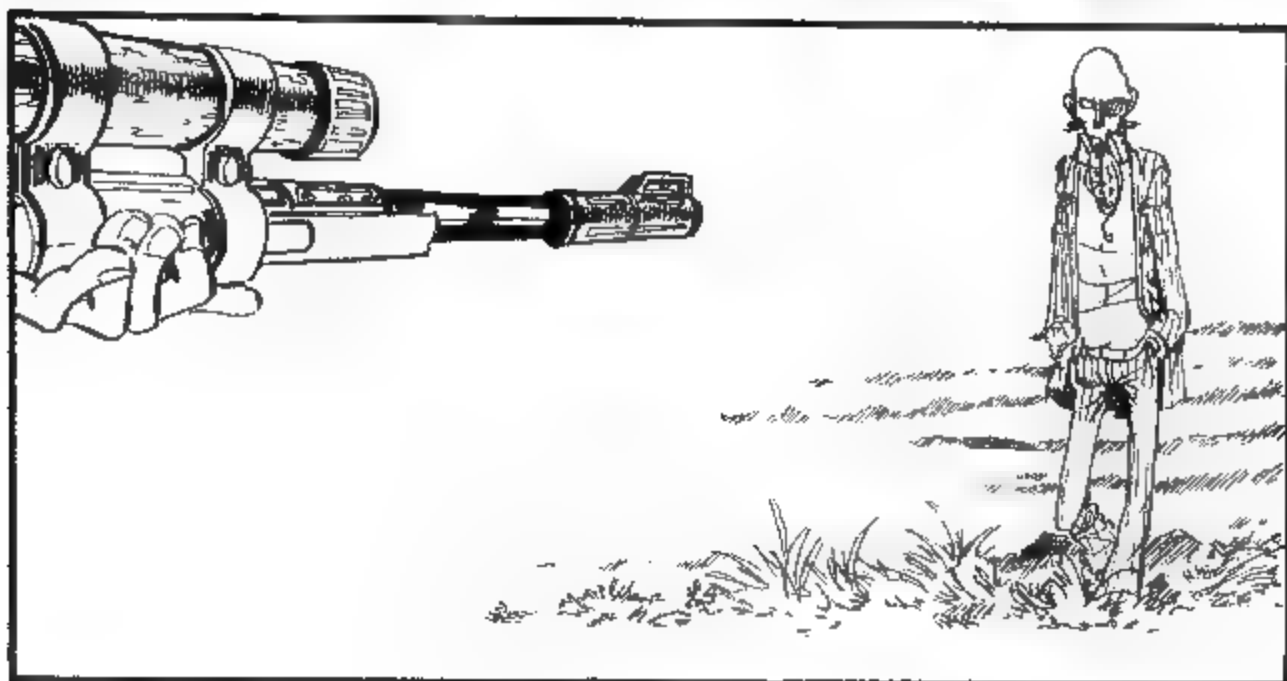
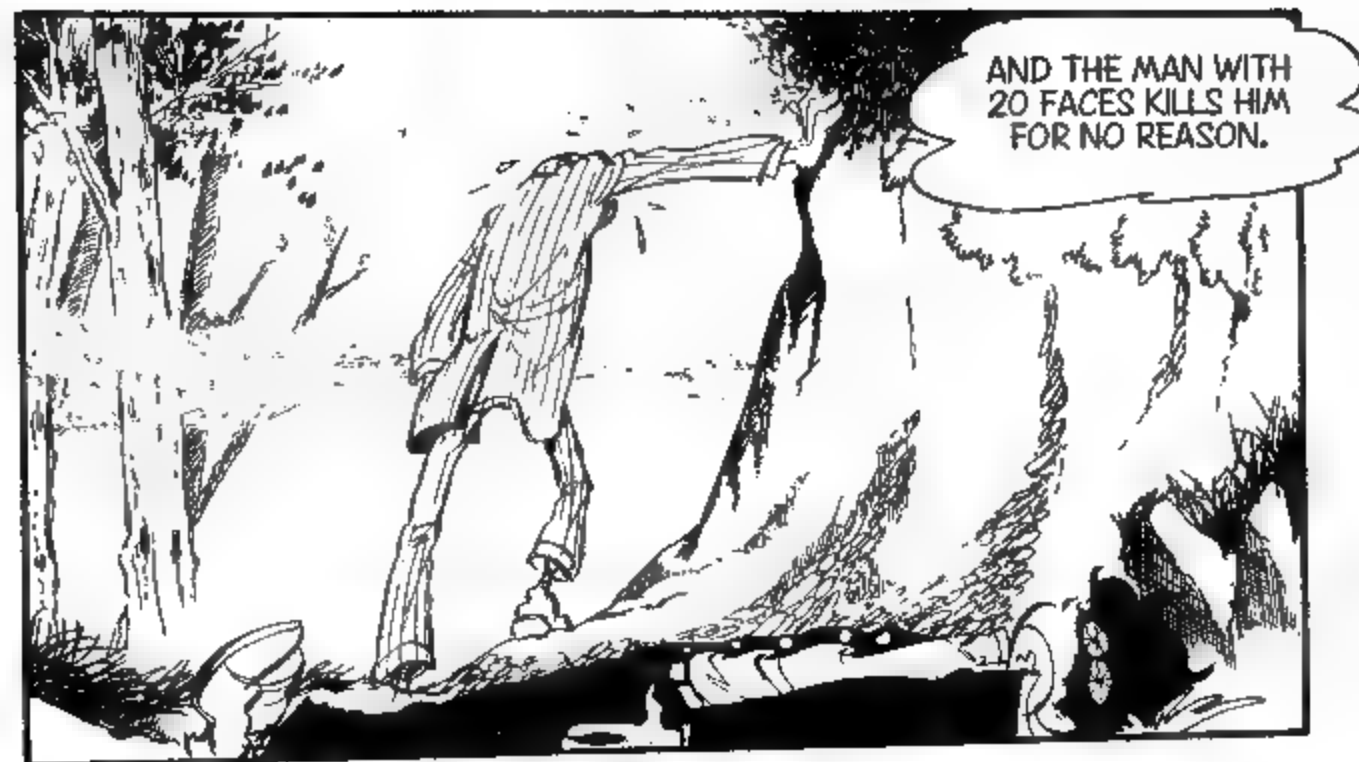
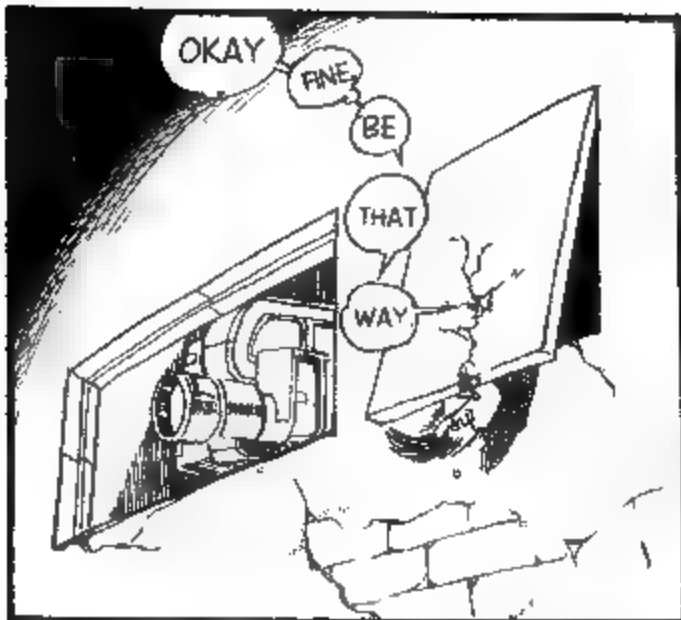


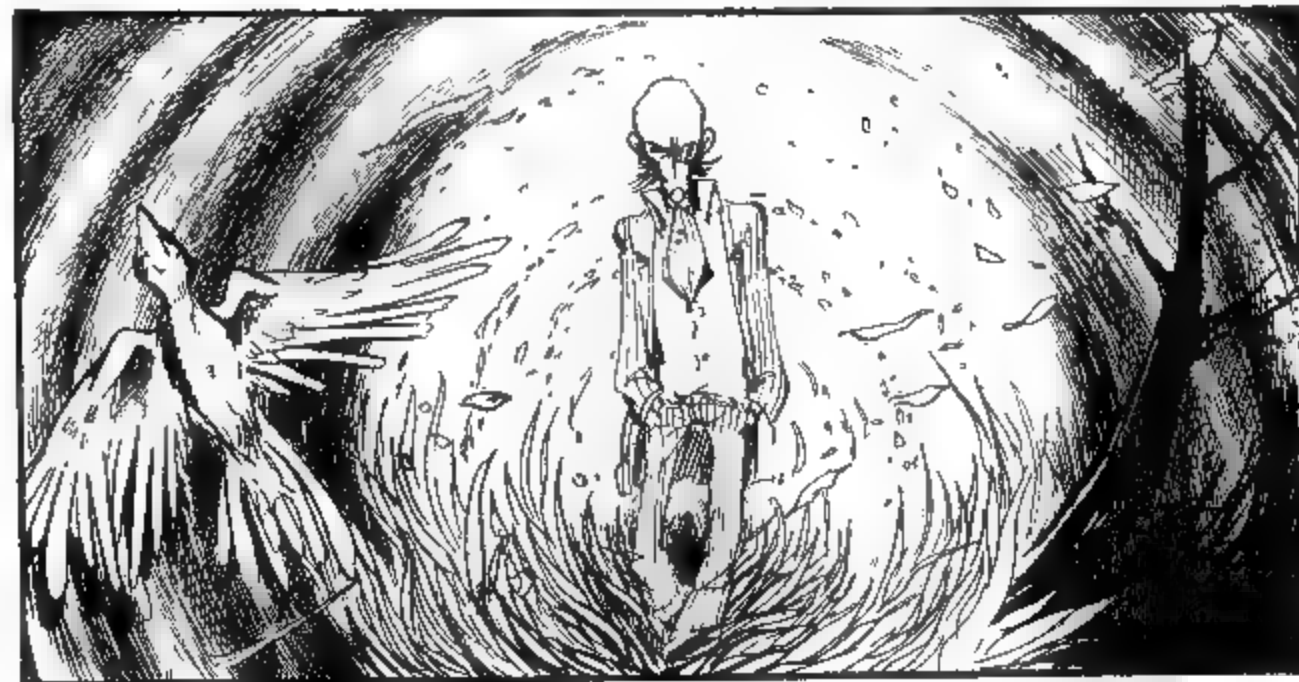
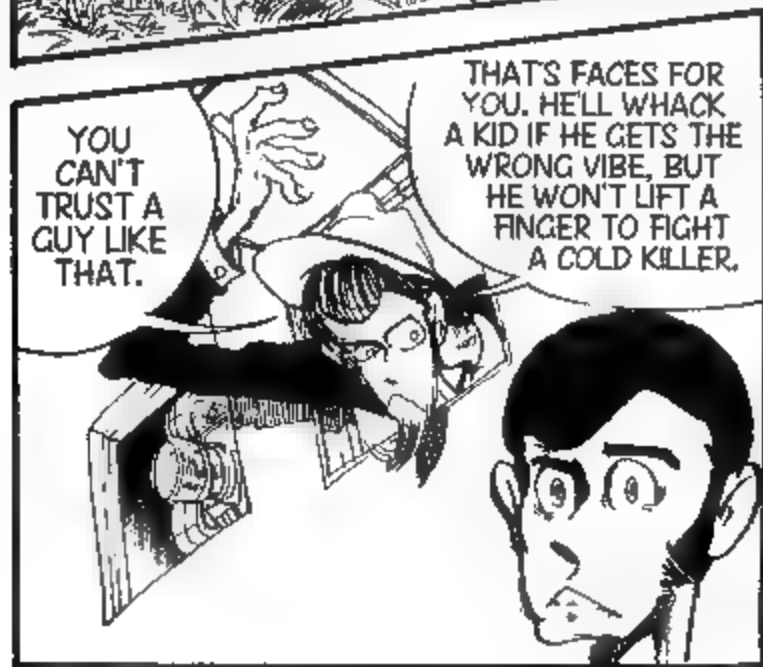
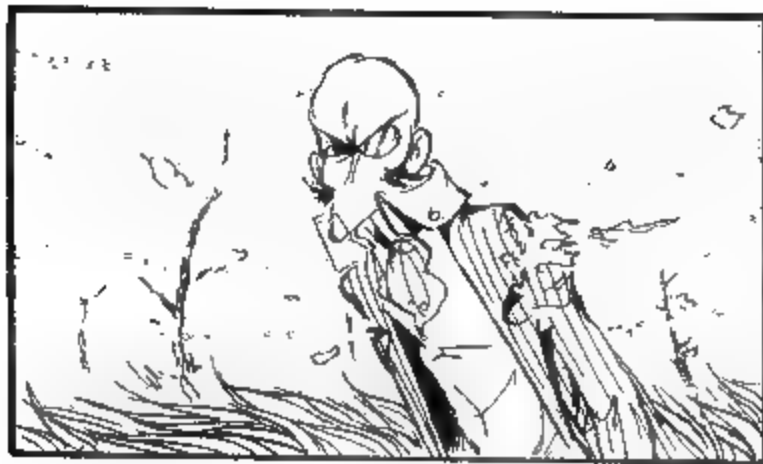
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I ACCEPT.

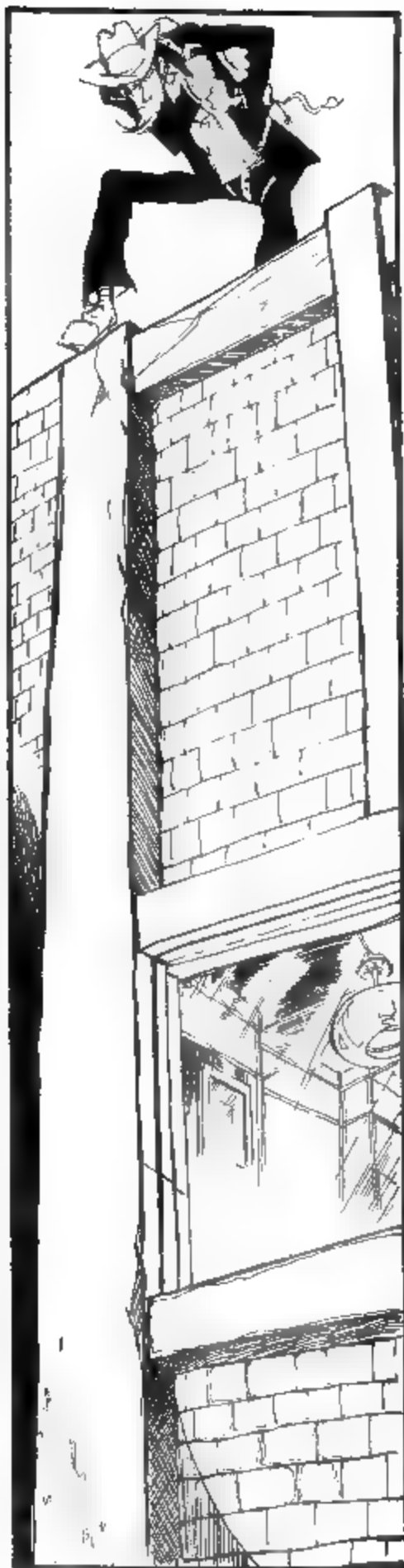


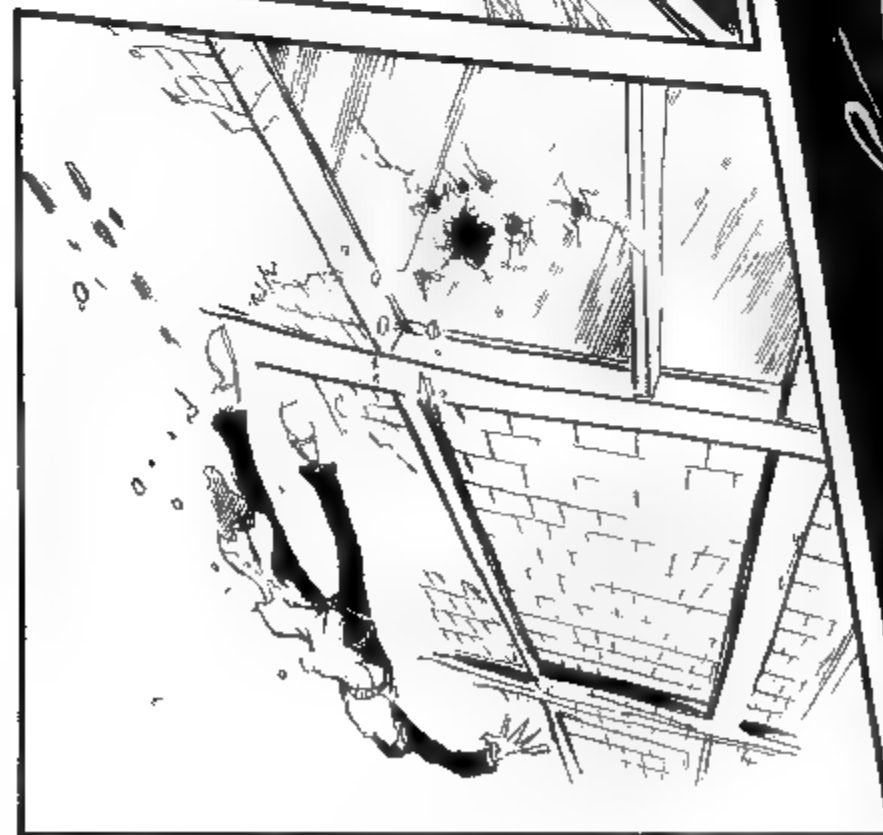
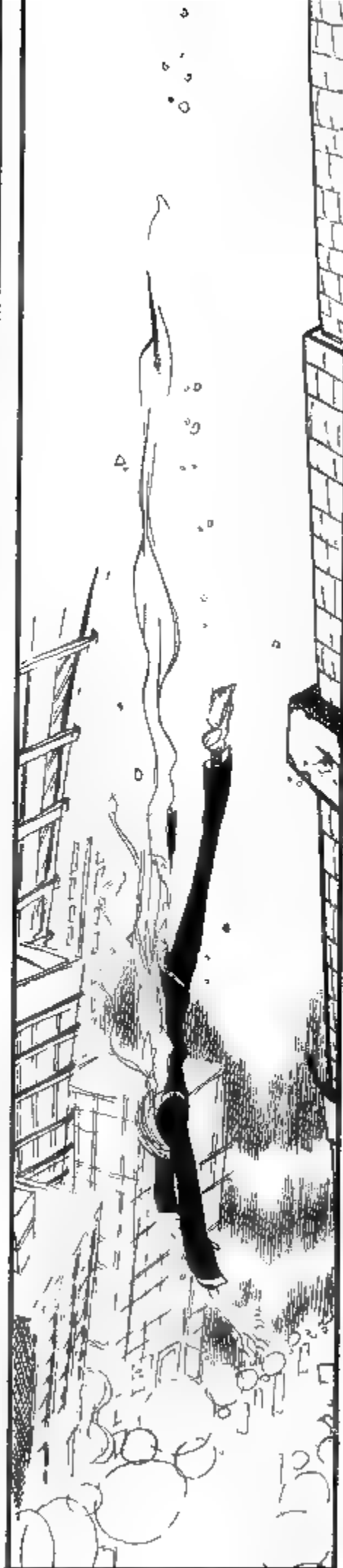
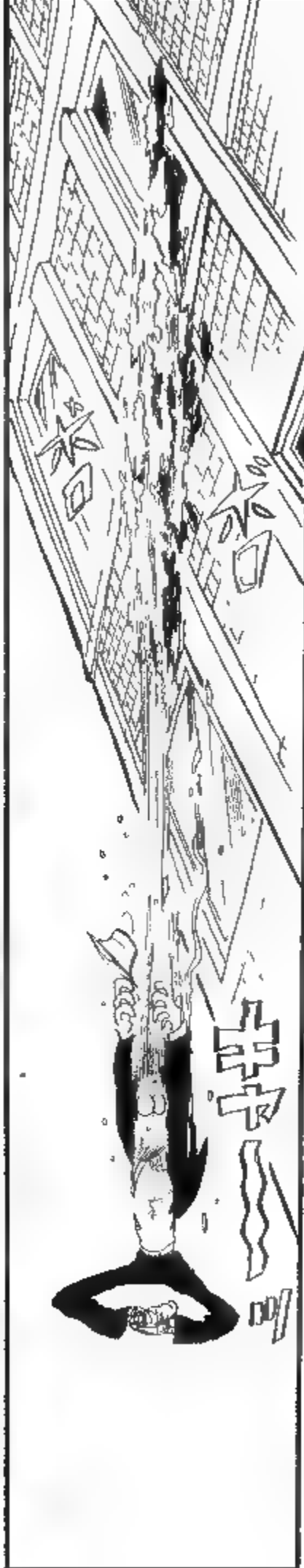
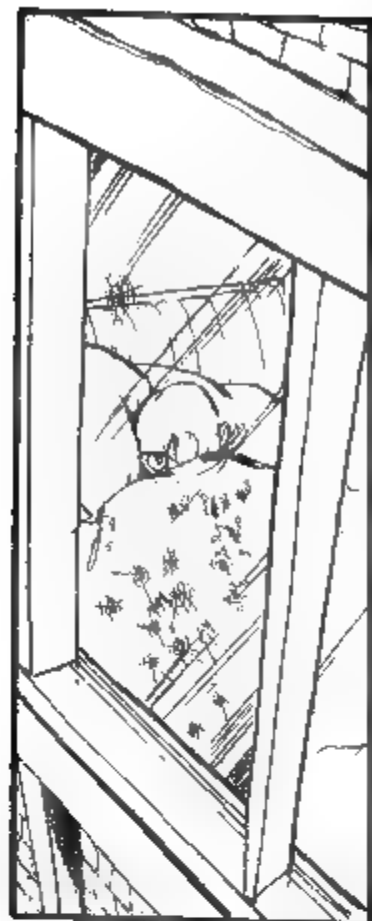




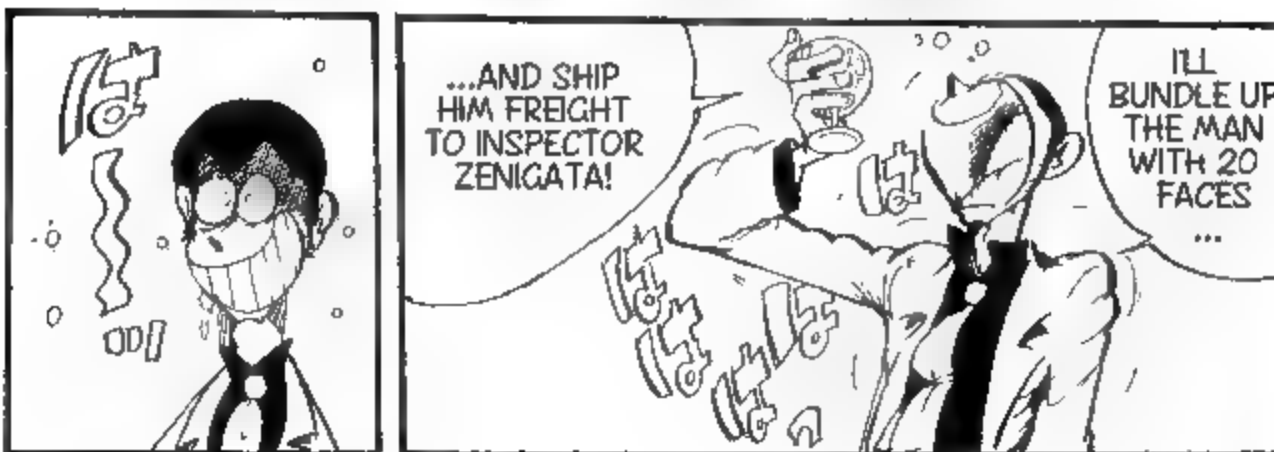
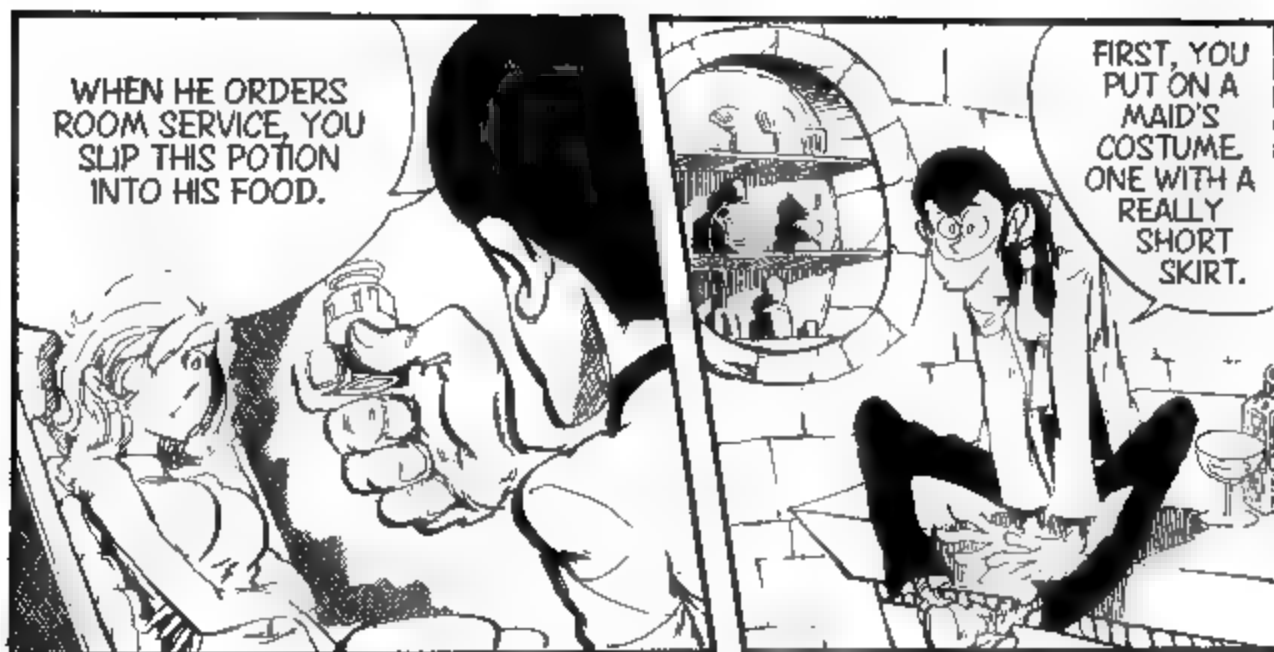


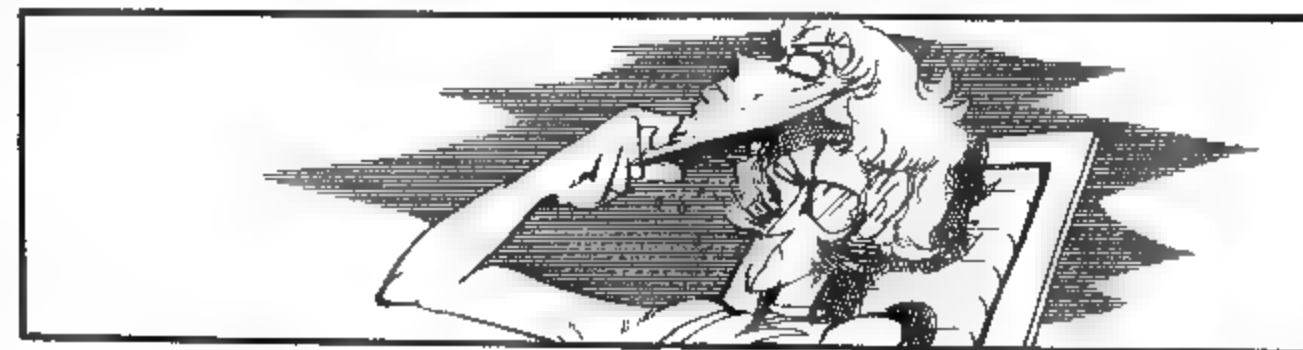
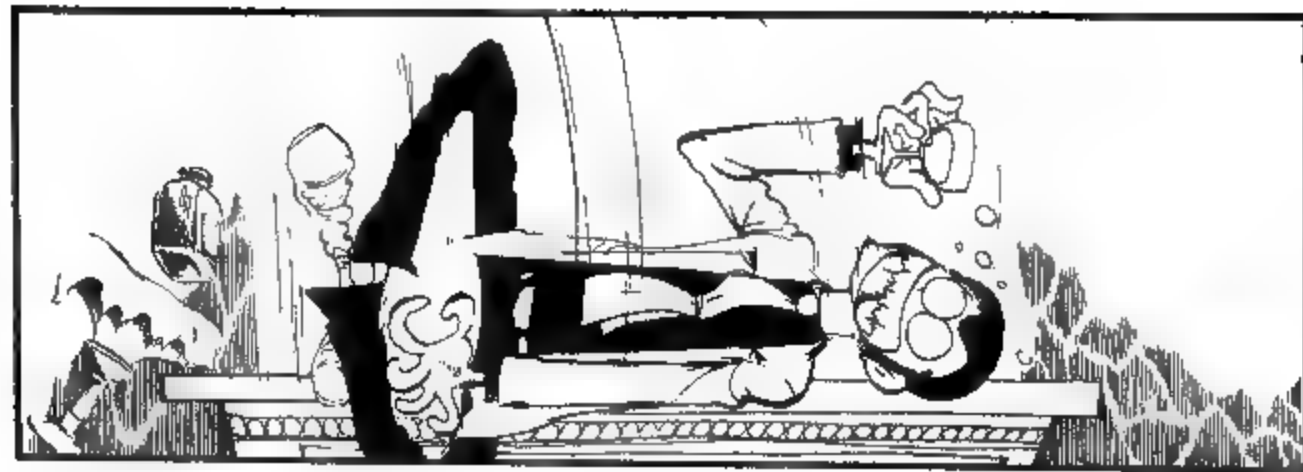
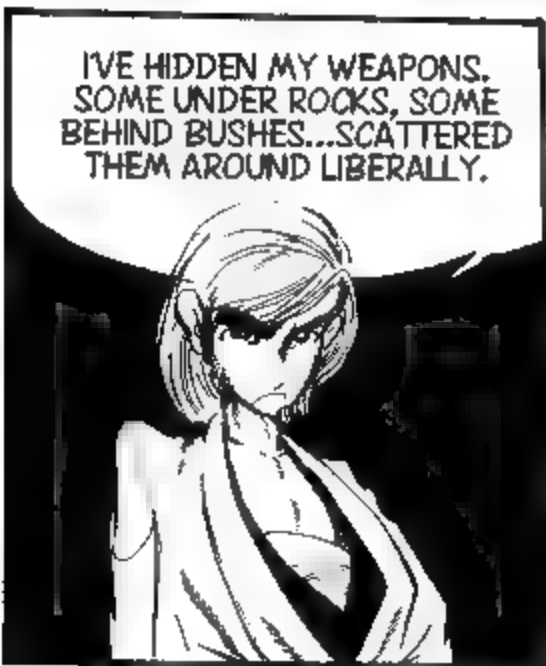
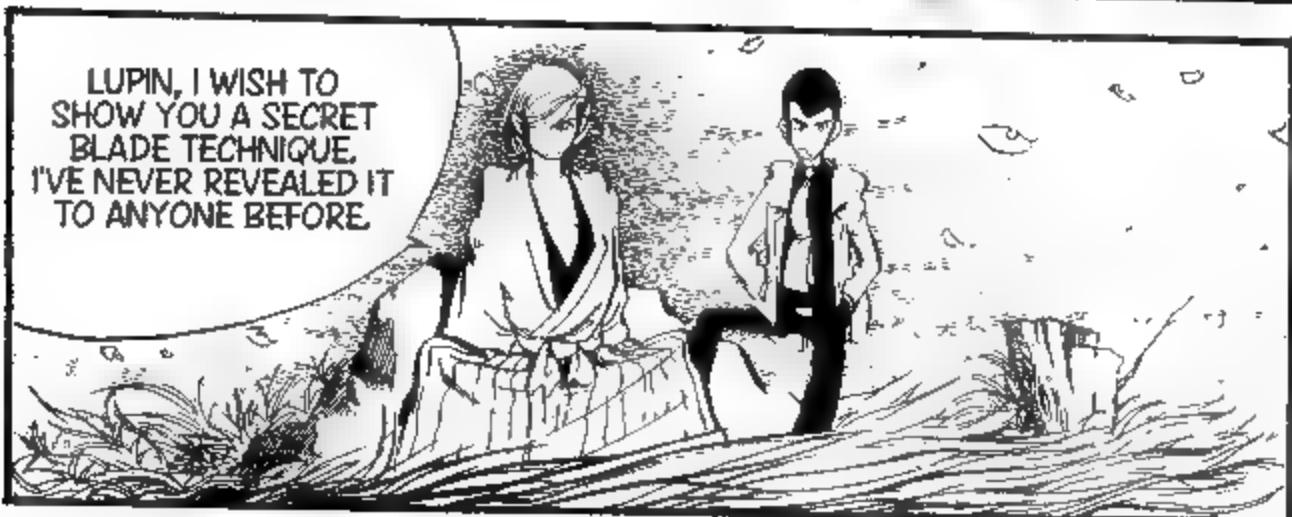


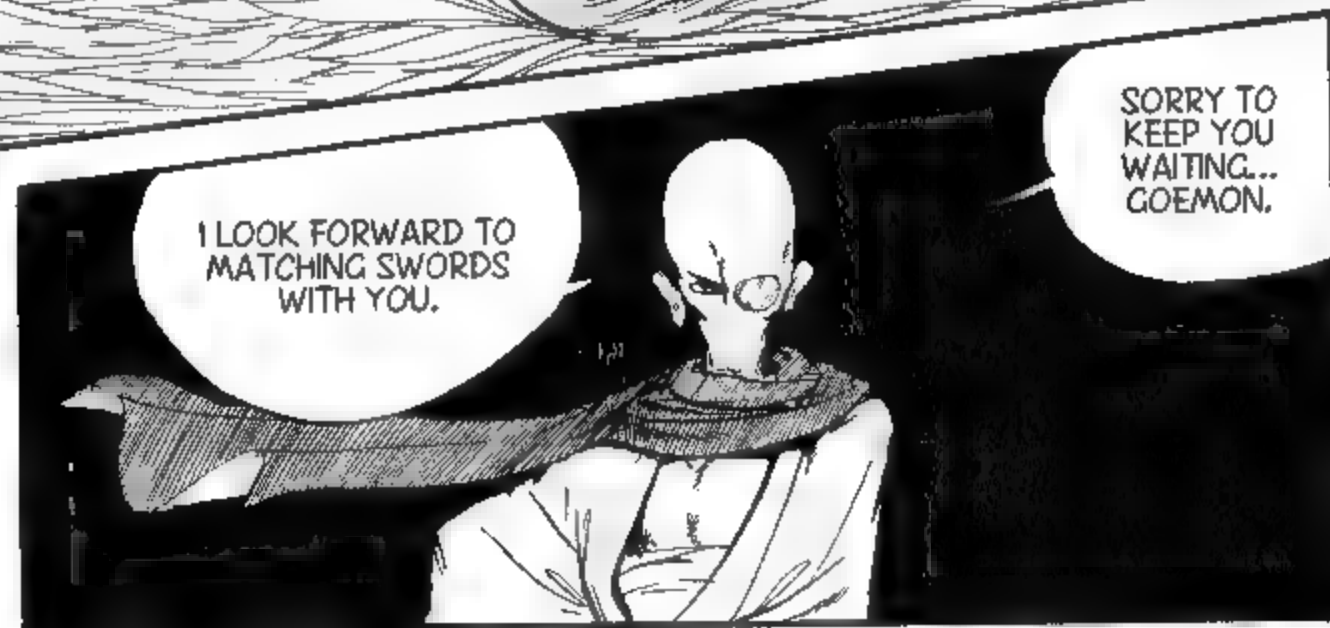
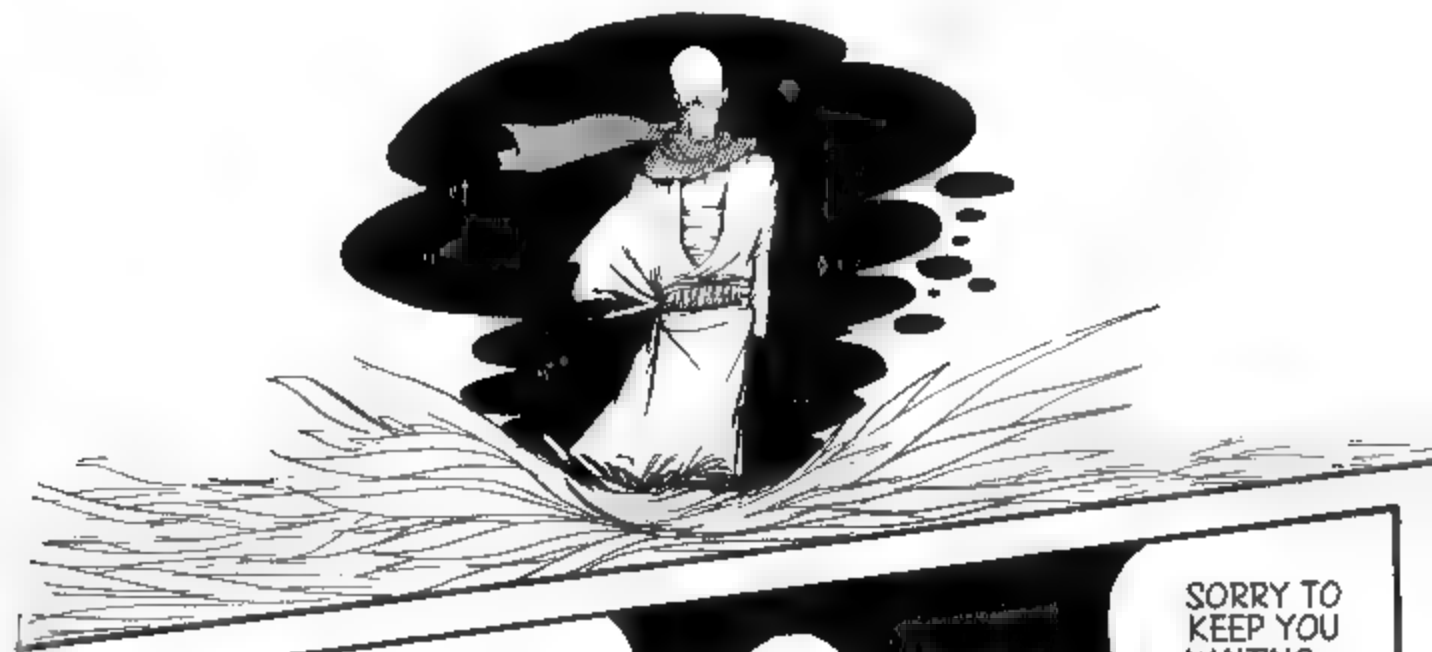
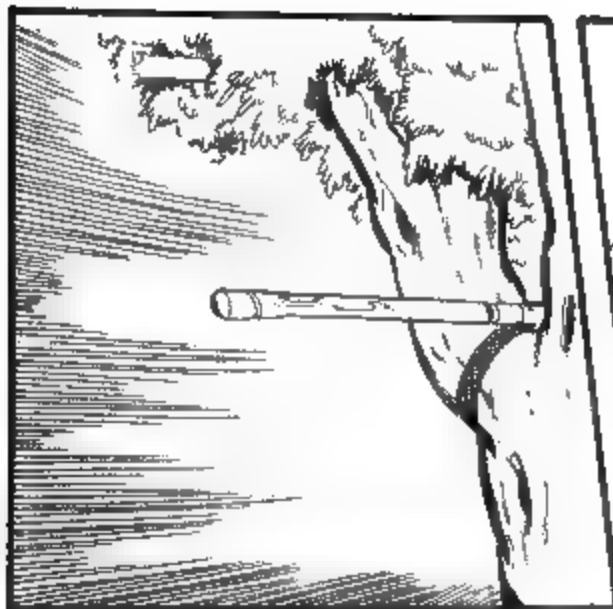


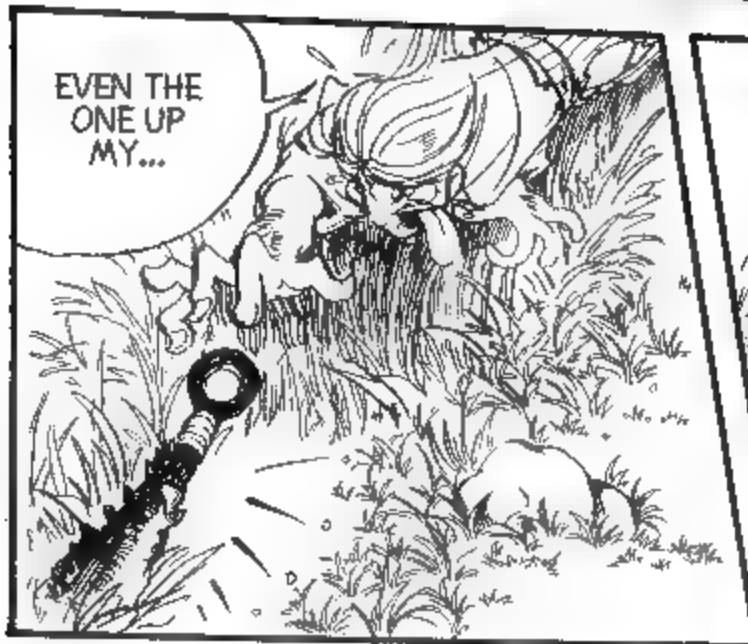
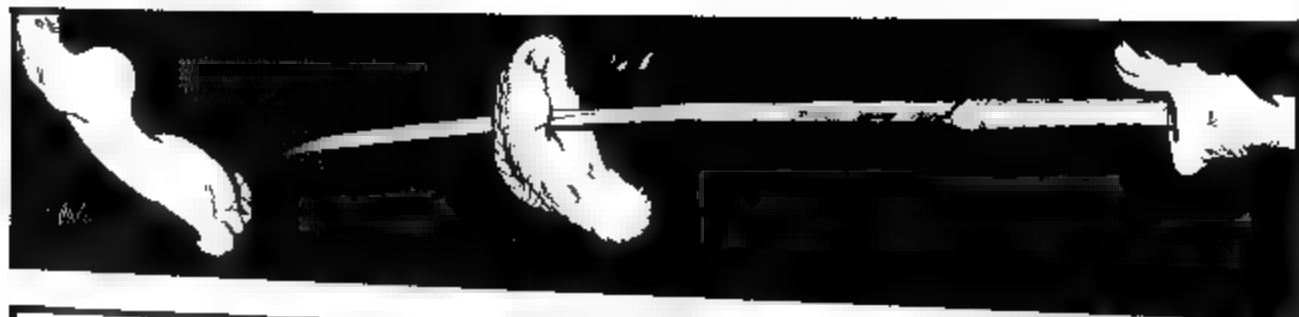


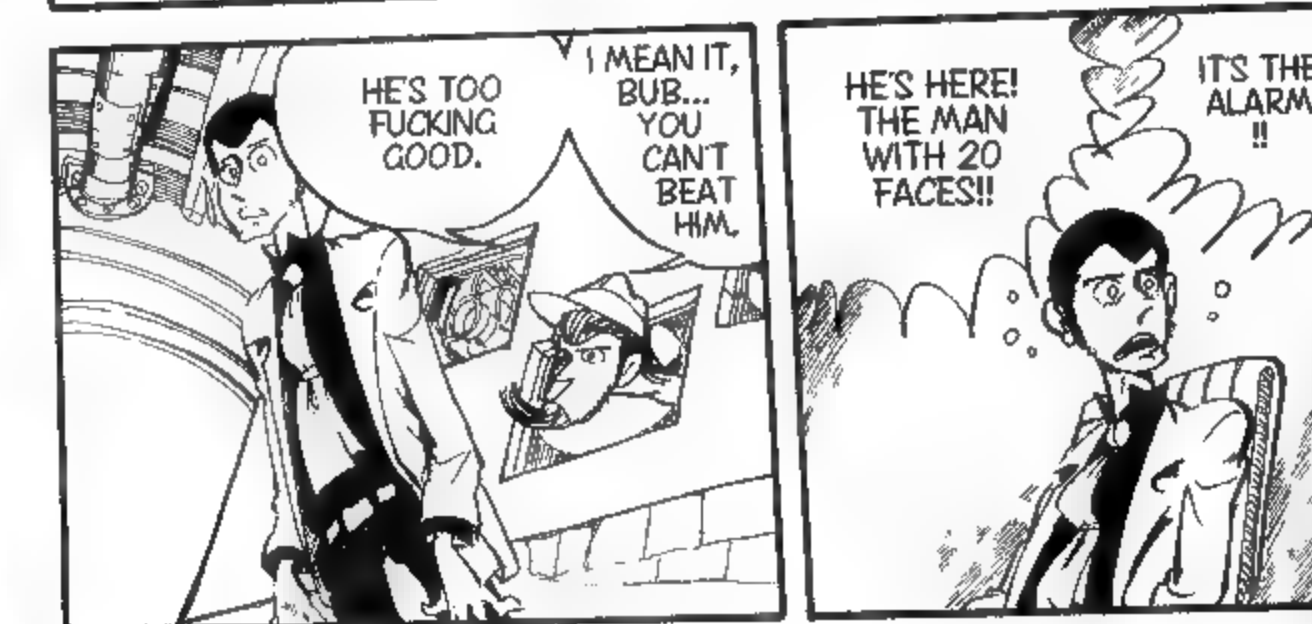
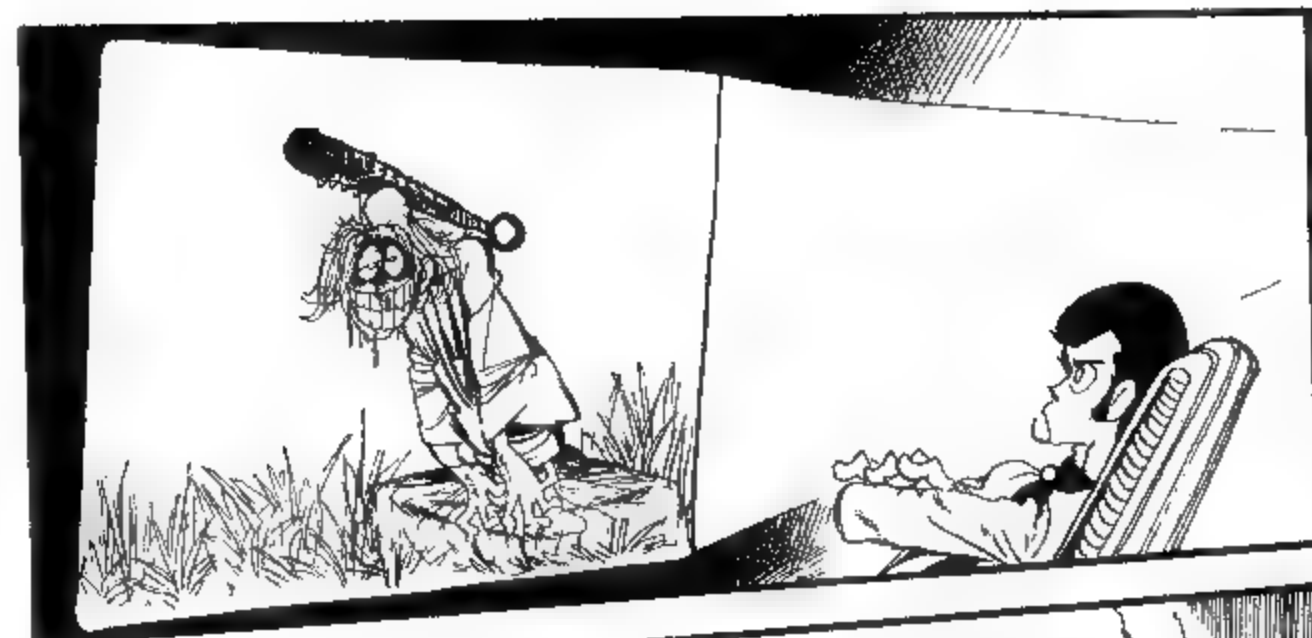
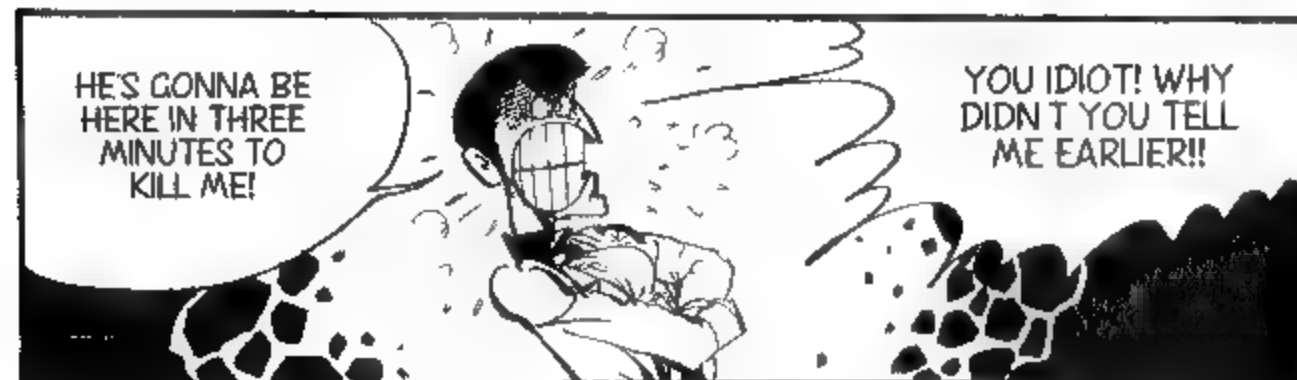
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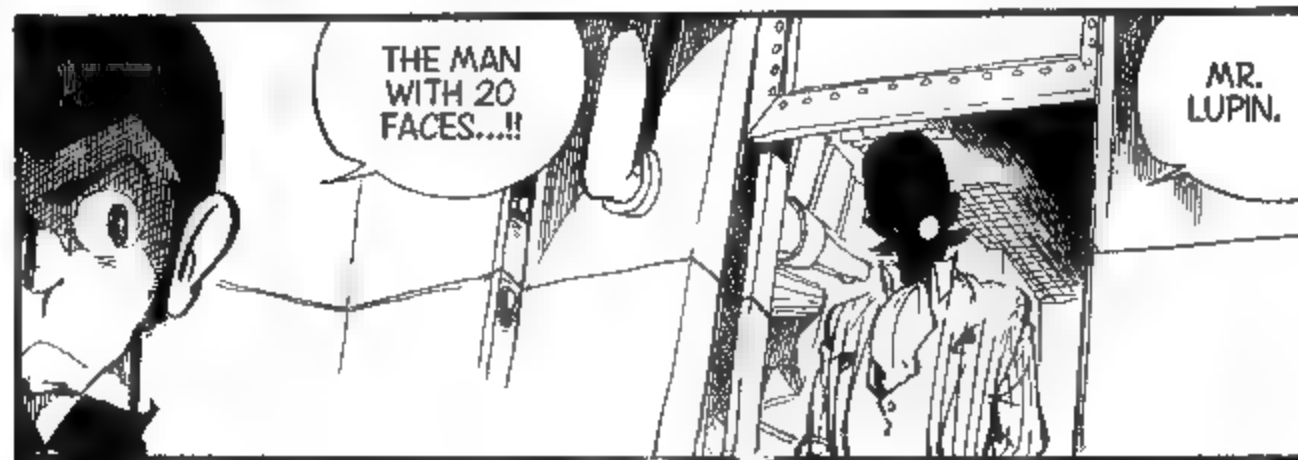
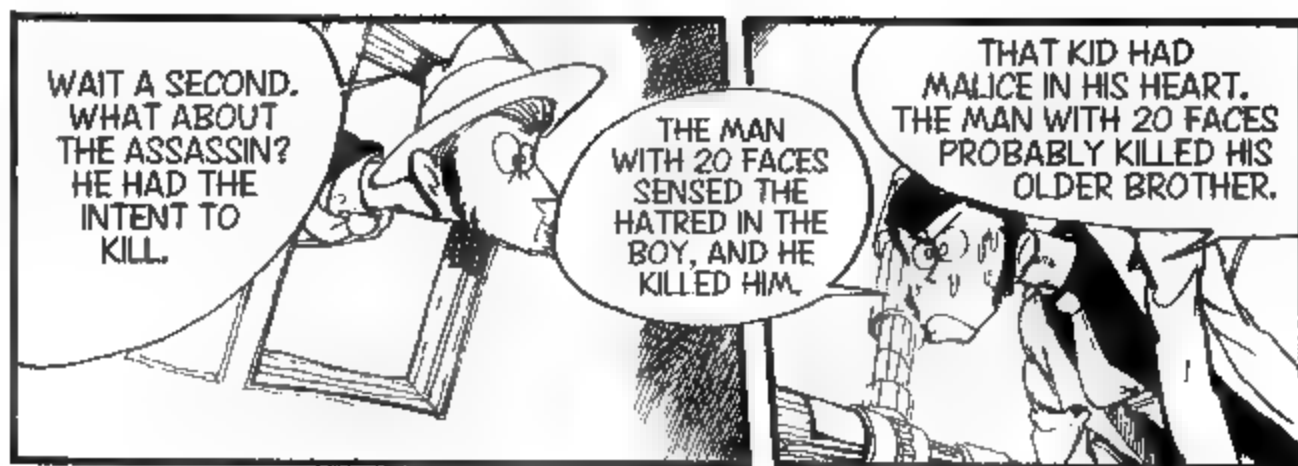
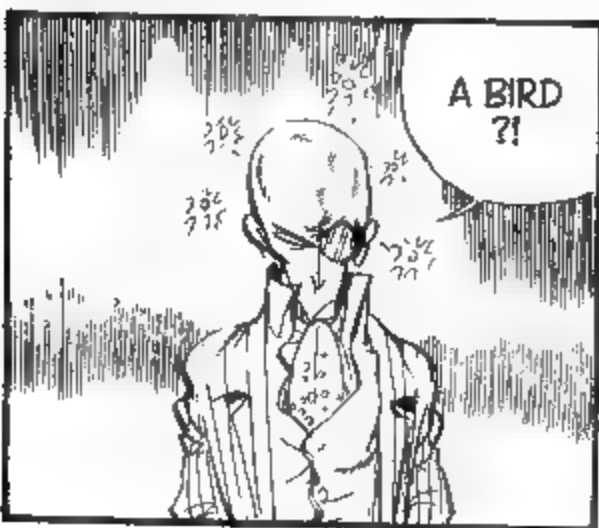


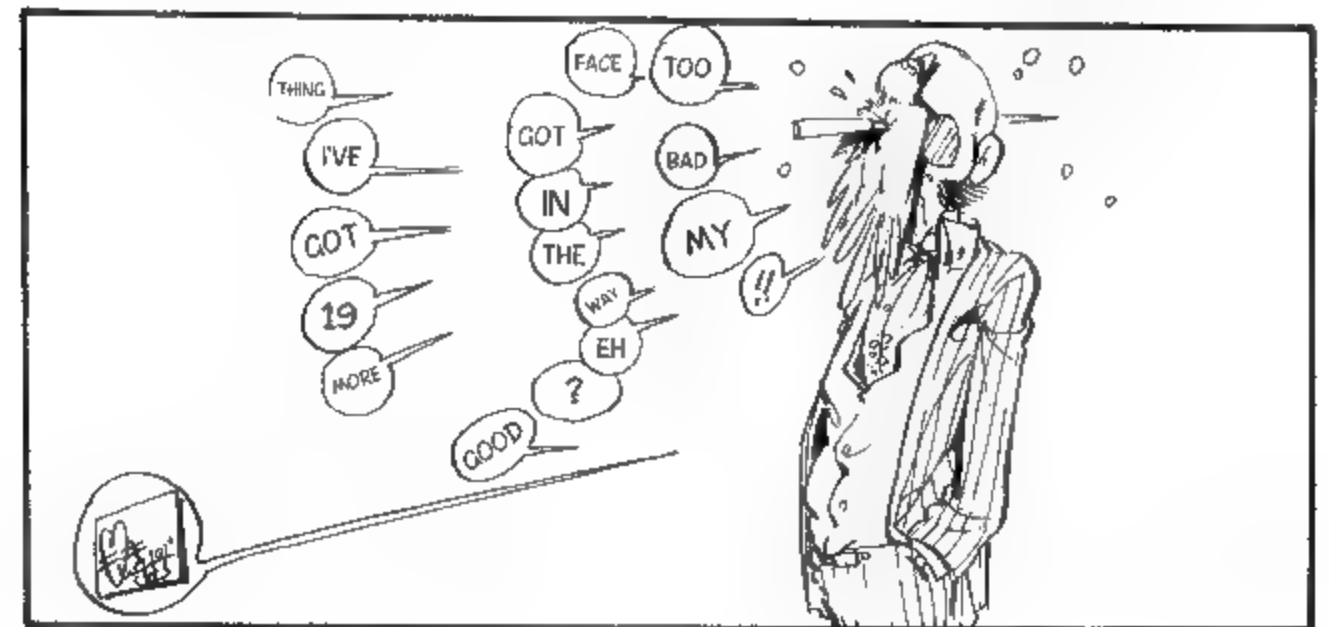
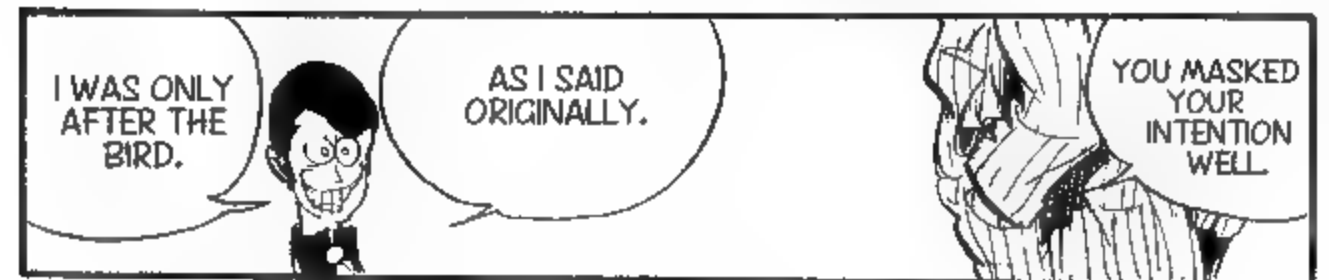














CHAPTER 96

"WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE"





I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. I'M SURE WE'RE BOTH WILY ENOUGH TO THINK OF SOMETHING.



SORRY, LUPIN, BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE FOR YOU TO STEAL. NOT ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

FUJIKO, DARLING. WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE.



AMONG THEM, A NUMBER OF LUXURY YACHTS AND MERCHANT SHIPS.

OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE PIRATE SHIP EDMONMARU HAS SUNK A DOZEN VESSELS.



A NEW POLICE UNIT SEEKS TO DESTROY THE EDMONMARU AND CONFISCATE HER BOOTY.



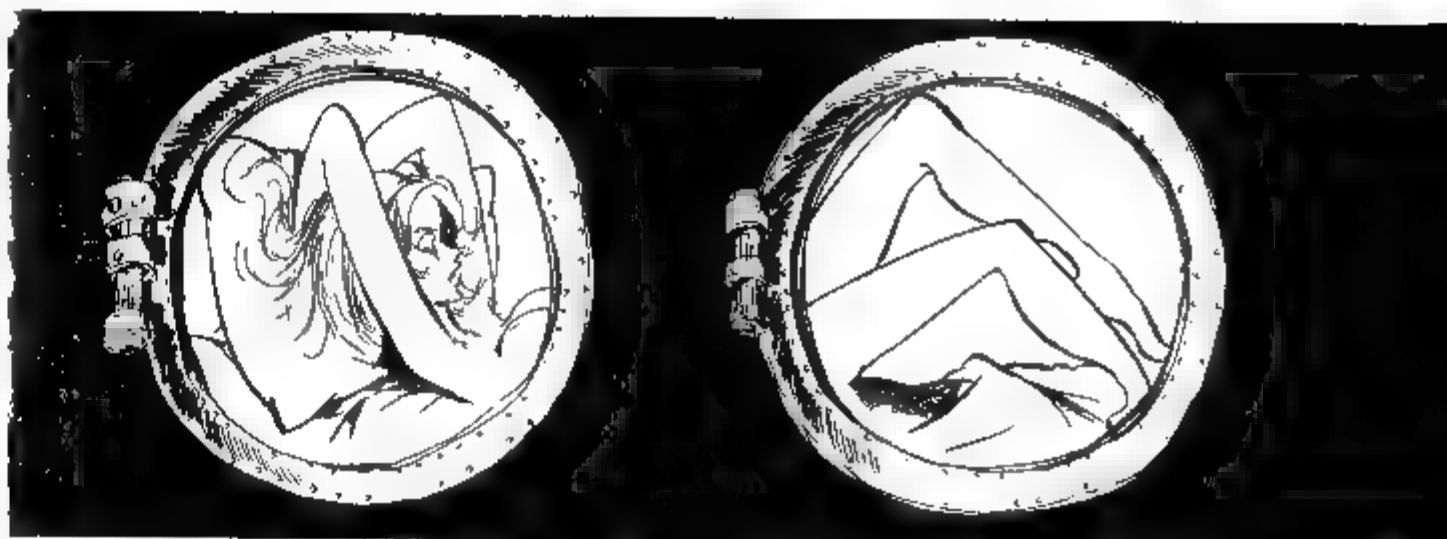
PUT HIM IN THE BILGE, BOYS.

...IT'S A GOOD BOOTY.

IF THERE'S ONE THING I LIKE...

AND AS YOU KNOW, MY DEAR...

THIS SHIP IS A FLOATING GOLD MINE, AND YOU KNOW IT.



AREN'T YOU A LITTLE OLD TO PEEP THROUGH WINDOWS...

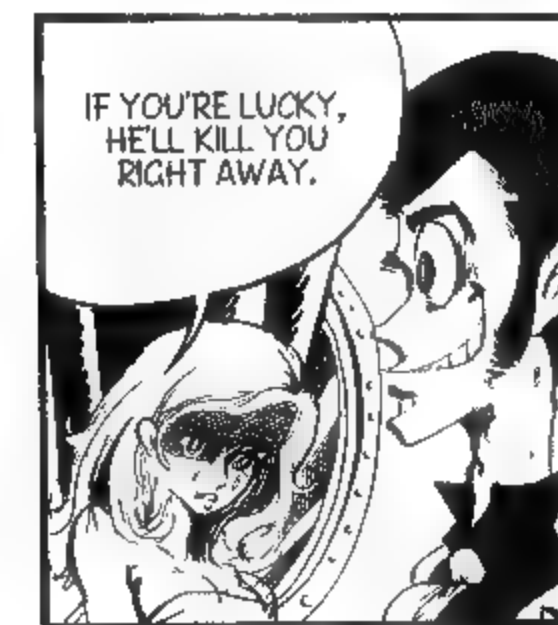
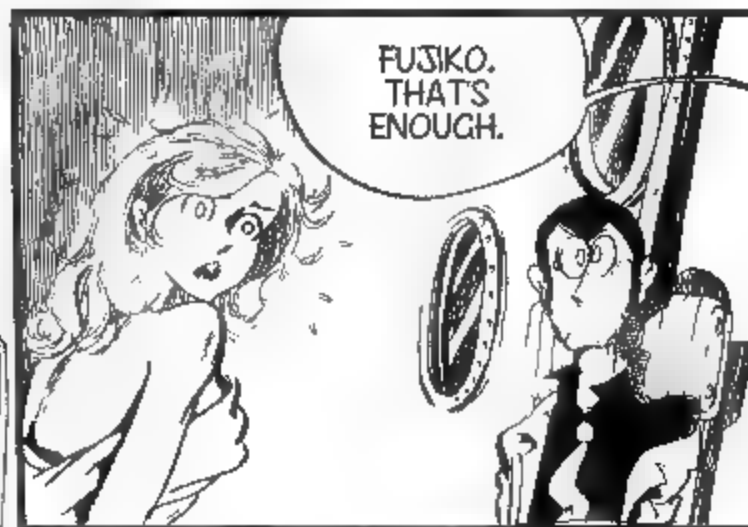
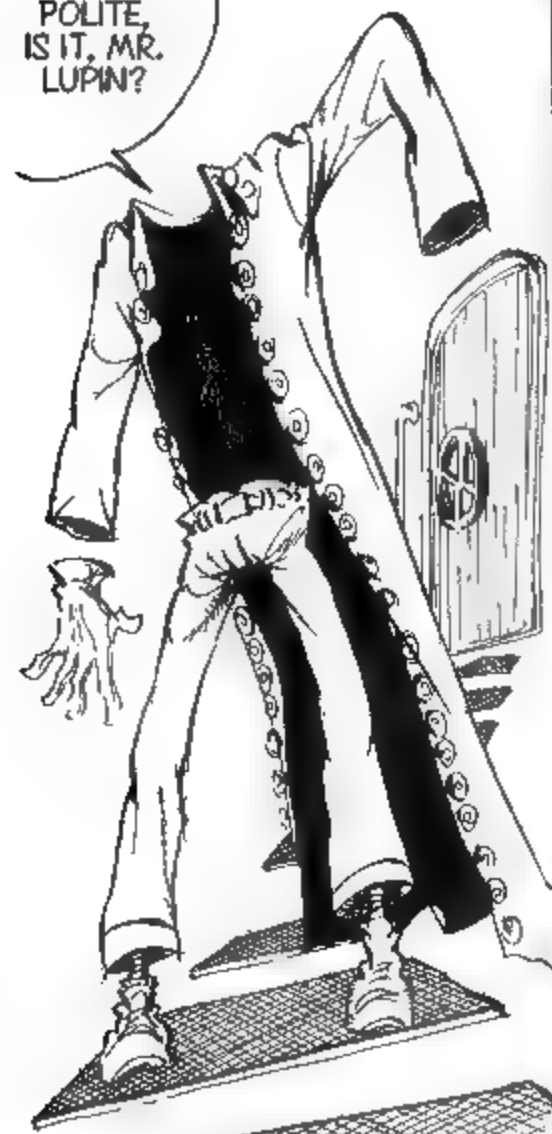


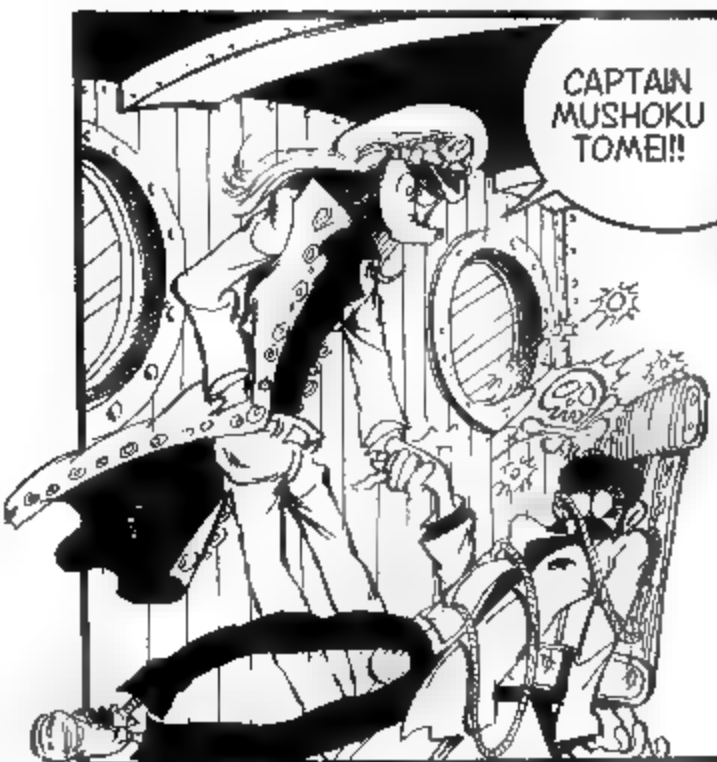
LUPIN?

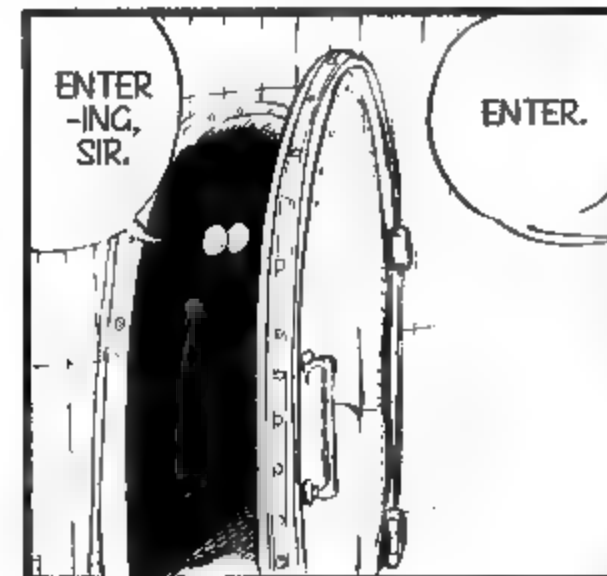
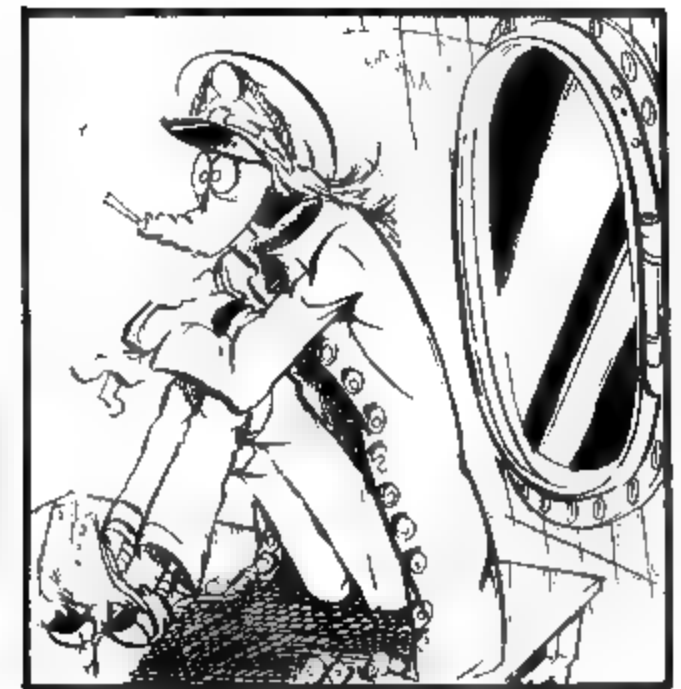
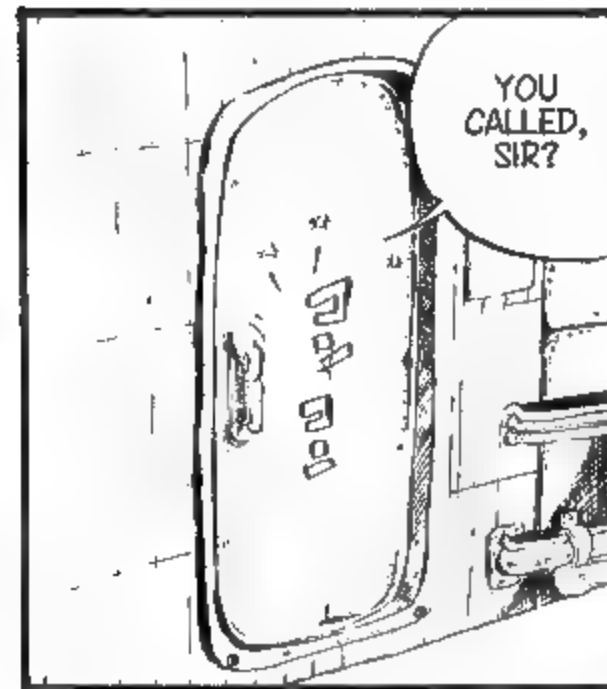
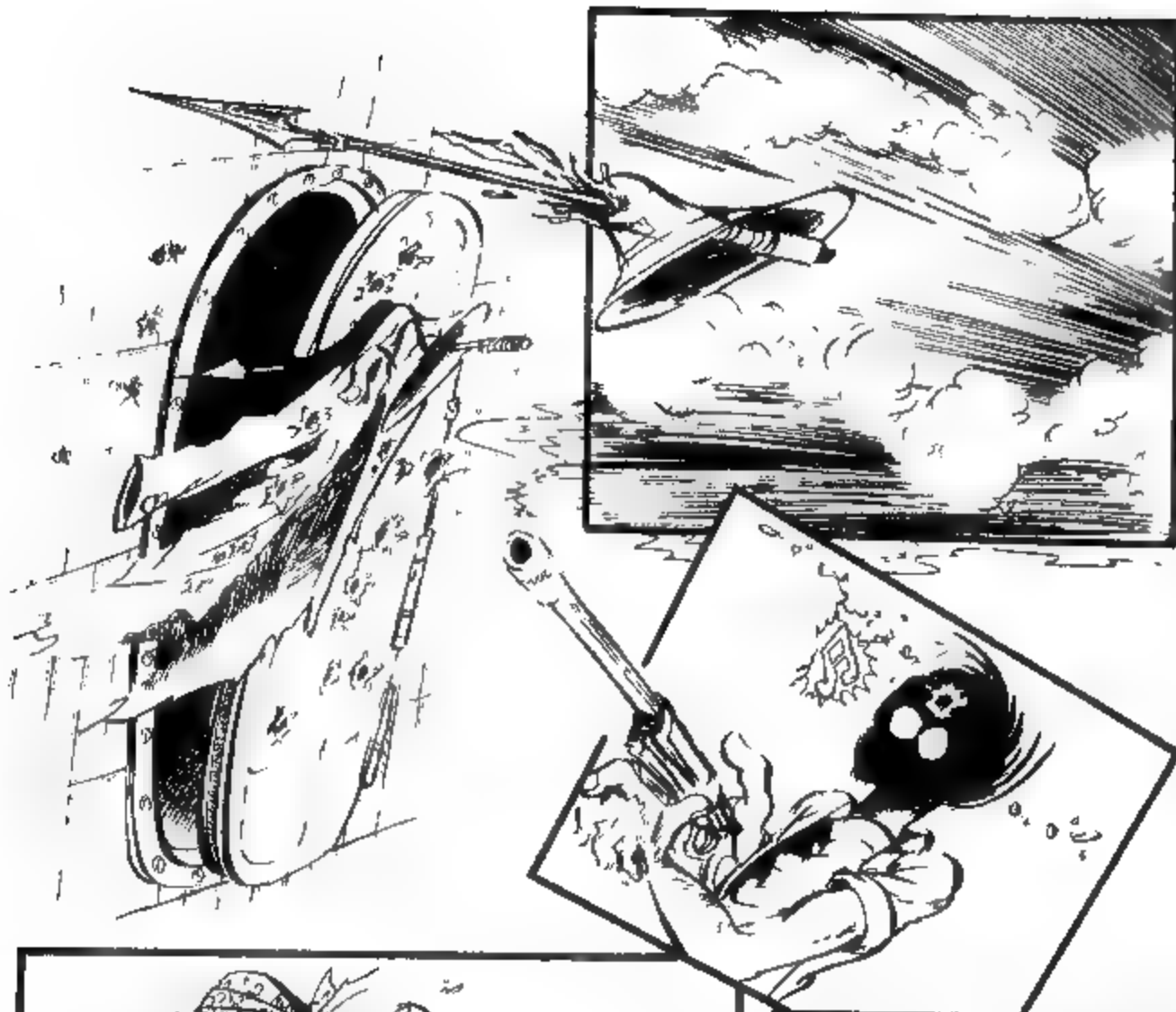


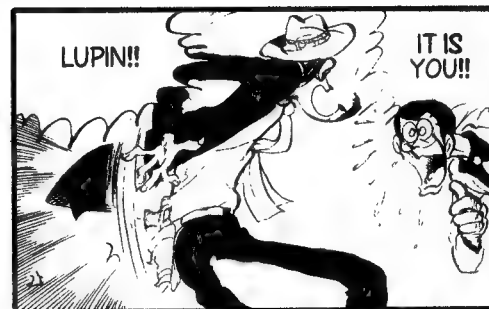


IT'S NOT POLITE, IS IT, MR. LUPIN?



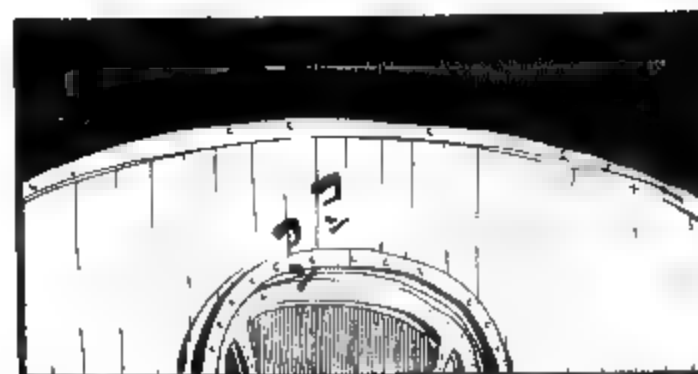
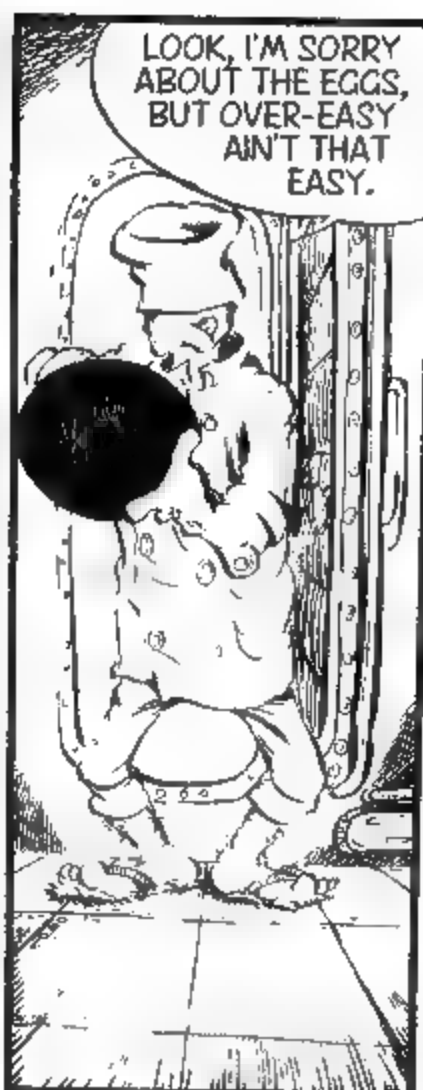


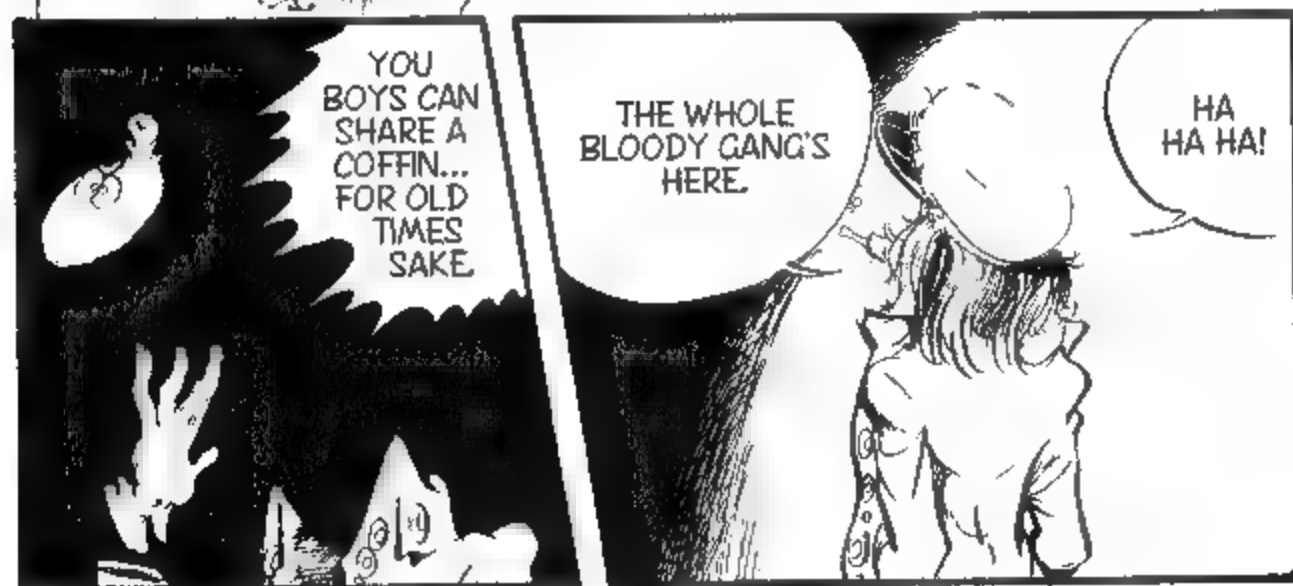
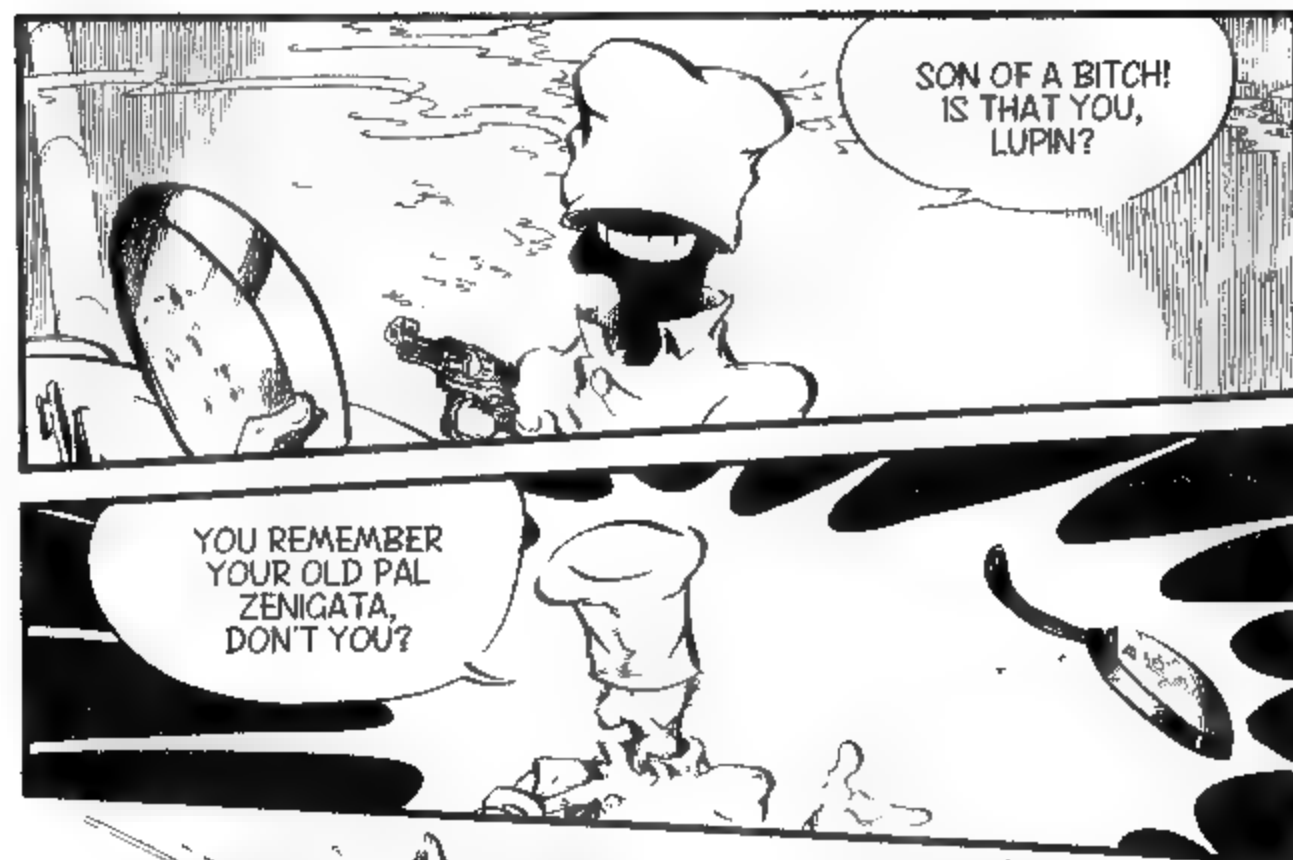
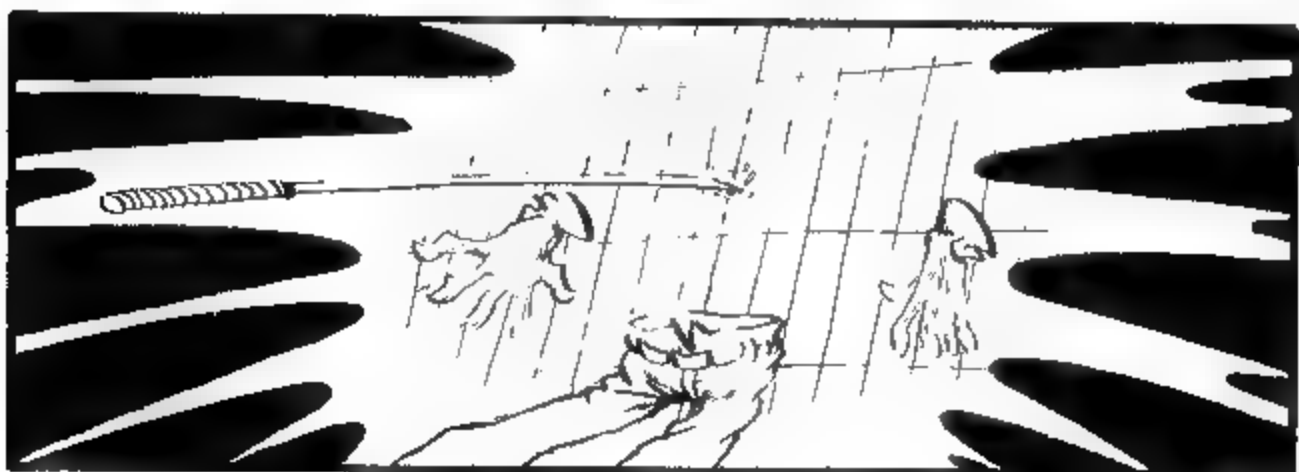


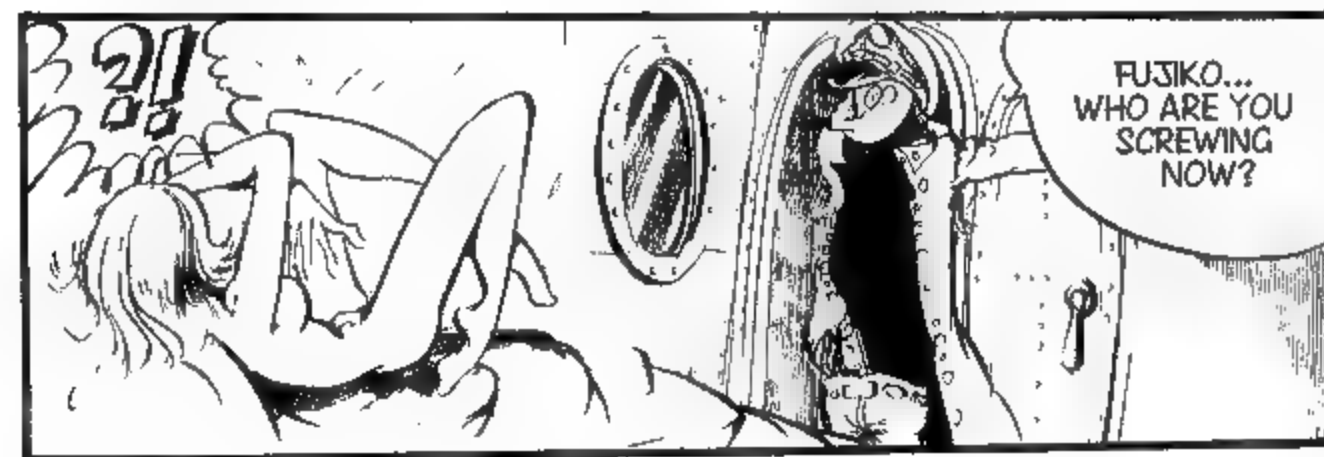


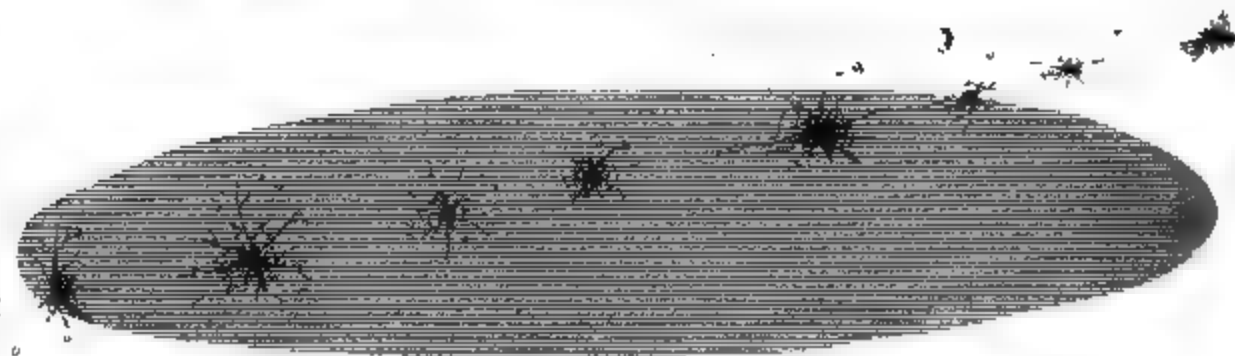
THEY'RE REALLY CLOSE.



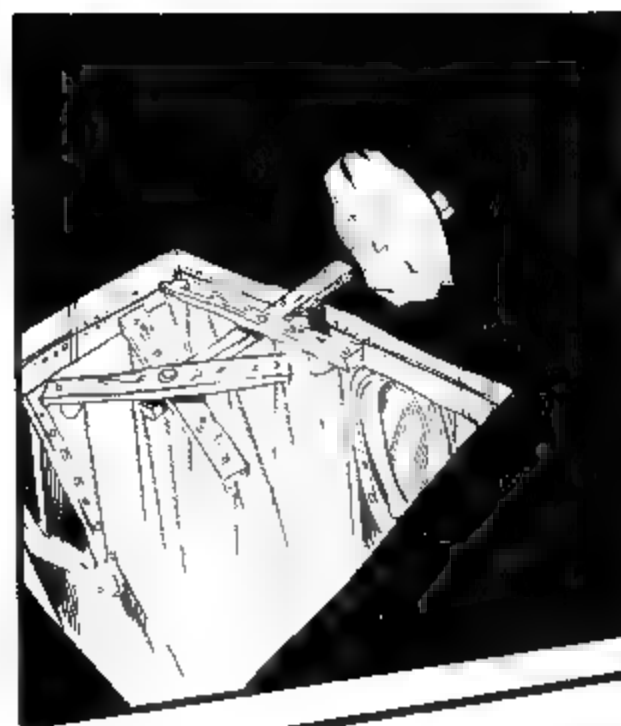








YOU MUST BE
MORE CAREFUL,
LUPIN. ENEMIES
LURK BEHIND
EVERY CORNER.



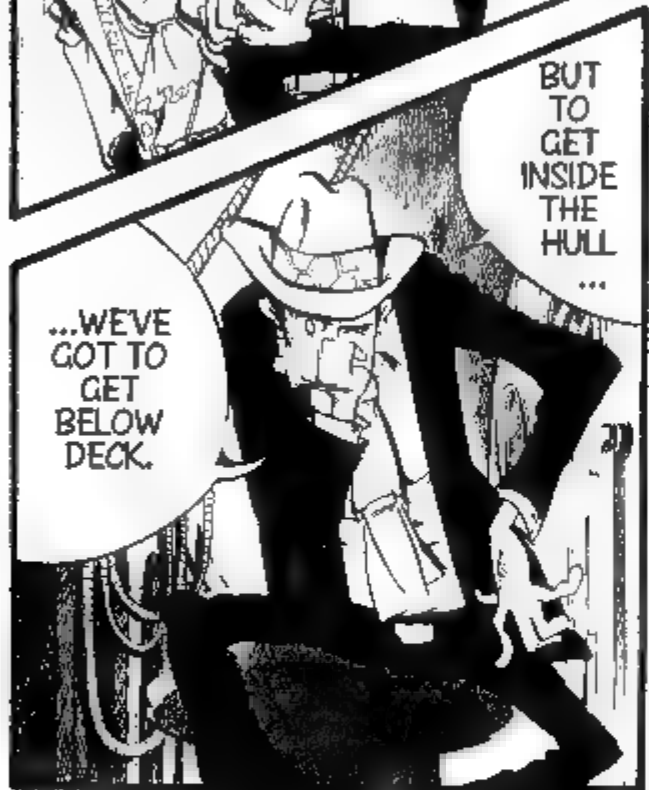
MEANWHILE, IN
ANOTHER PART
OF THE SHIP...

THERE'S NO
NEED TO AWE.
I'M JUST
STEALING A
PAGE OUT OF
AN EDOGAWA
RANPO
NOVEL!!



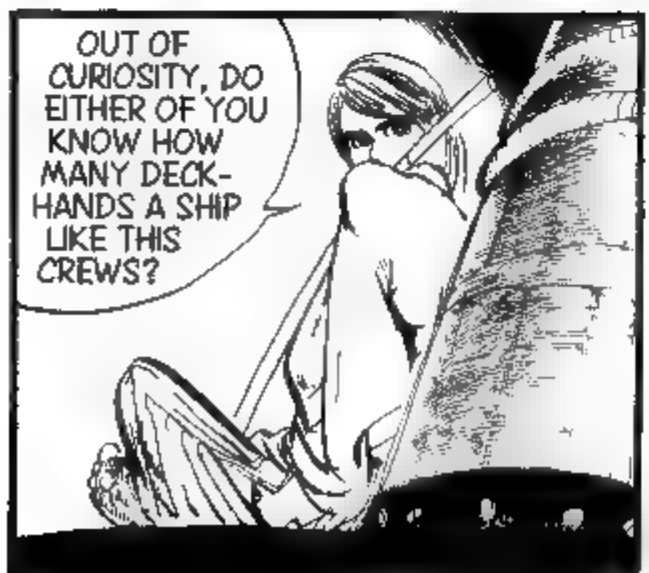


THE LOOT IS
HIDDEN IN A SECRET
COMPARTMENT
INSIDE THE HULL



...WE'VE
GOT TO
GET
BELOW
DECK.

BUT
TO
GET
INSIDE
THE
HULL
...



OUT OF
CURIOSITY, DO
EITHER OF YOU
KNOW HOW
MANY DECK-
HANDS A SHIP
LIKE THIS
CREWS?



WHAT
ARE YOU
WEARING,
ANYWAY?



THIS JACKET
IS RUINED!

YOU
IDIOT!
LOOK
WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE!



...A SHIPMENT OF
SIGNATURE SPORTSWEAR
DESIGNED BY MONKEY
PUNCH HIMSELF.

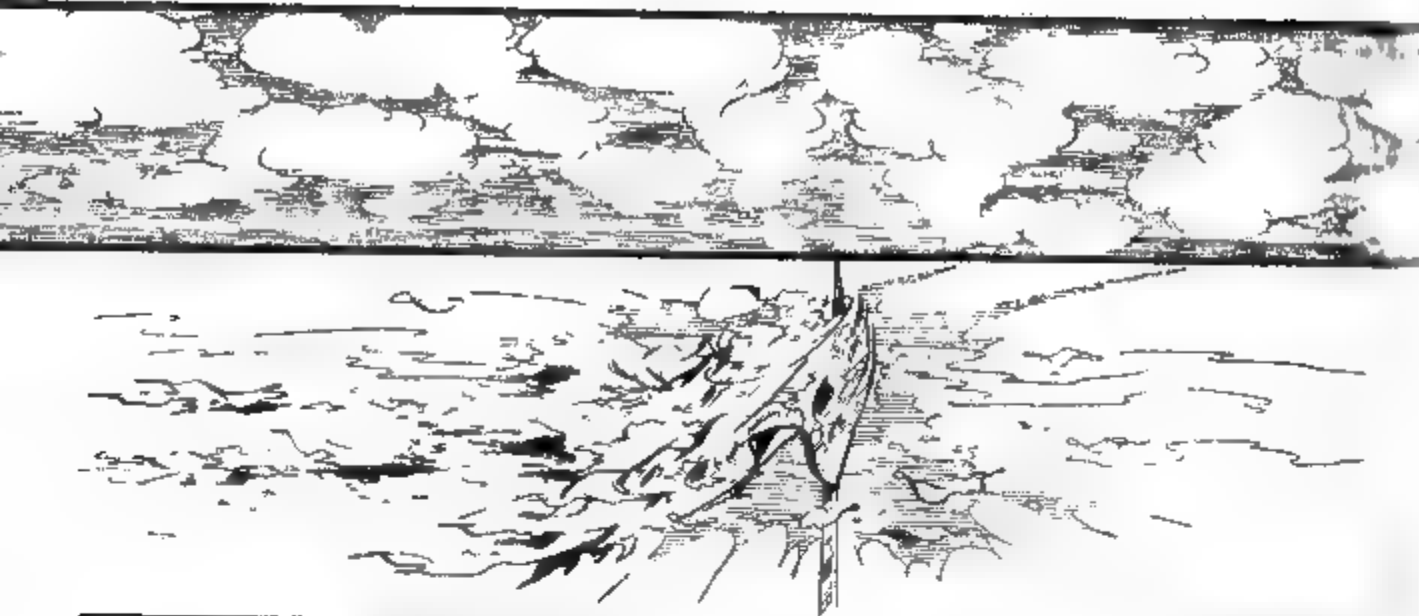
INCLUDING...

THIS SHIP IS
FILLED WITH
COUNTLESS
TREASURES.

PRICELESS!



I CAN'T AFFORD
ANY MORE LAPSES
IN CONTINUITY.
I'VE GOT TO FIND
THE TREASURE.



JUDGING
FROM THE
GUNFIRE, I'D
SAY SIX MEN
DOWN THE
PORT SIDE.



...THEY'RE OUT THERE.
AND THEY DON'T LIKE
DESIGNER FASHION.



...IF SOMEBODY
FLUSHED 'EM
OUT OF HIDING.

I COULD GET
A CLEAN SHOT
AT 'EM...

NO
PROBLEM
!!



A
HUNDRED
FOES...



WHY DO
YOU ASK?

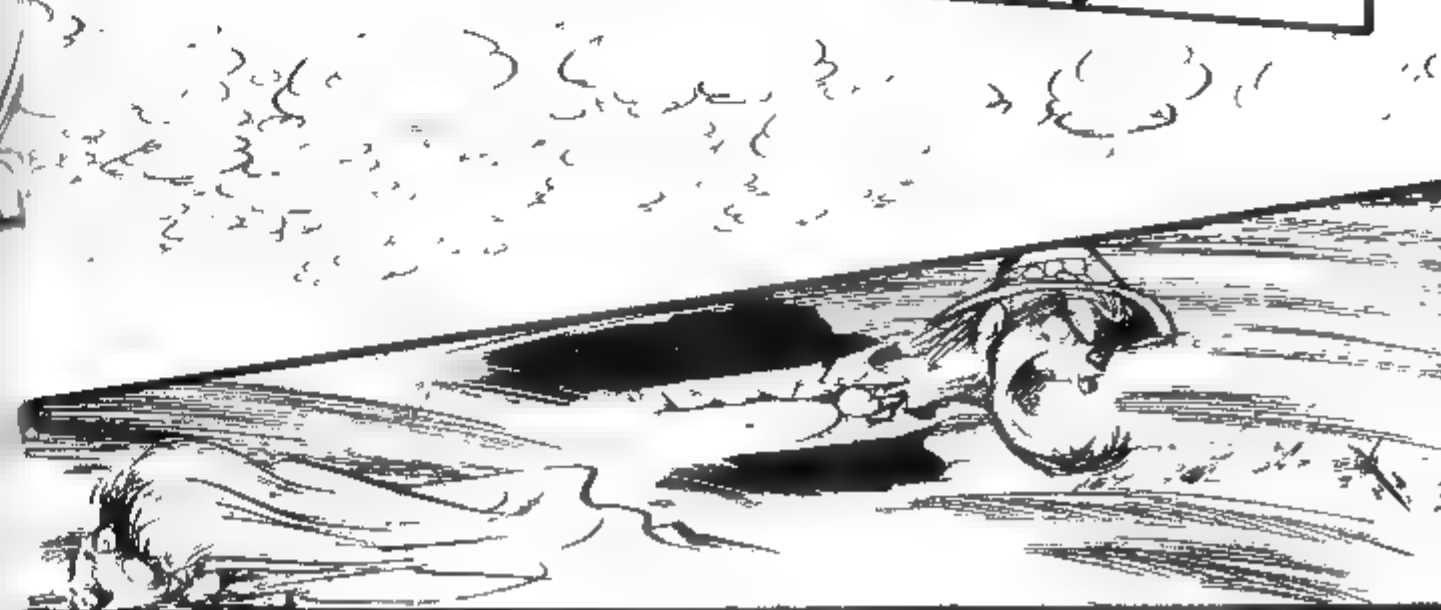
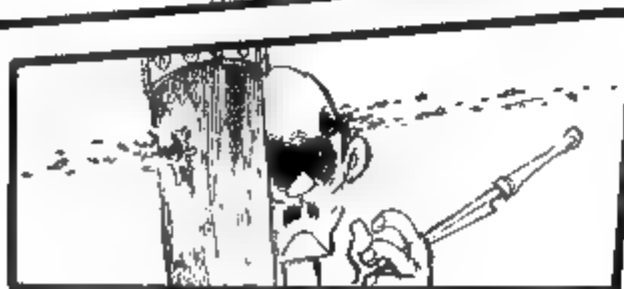
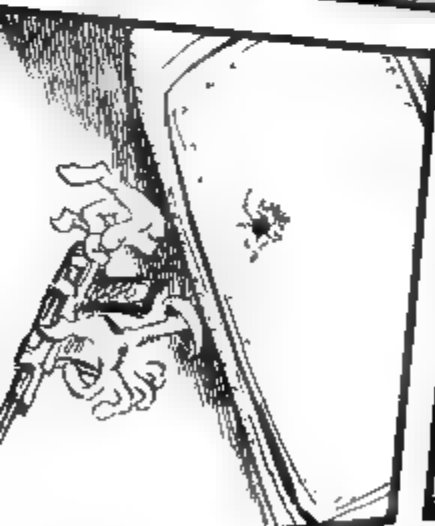
I'D SAY
ABOUT A
HUNDRED.



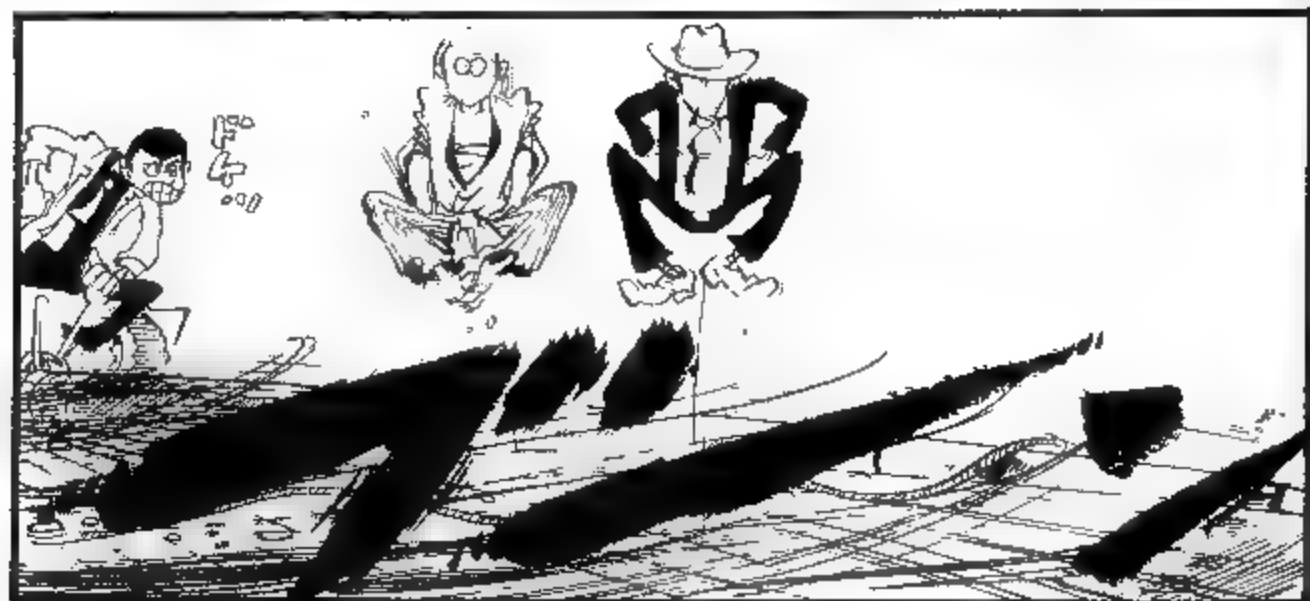
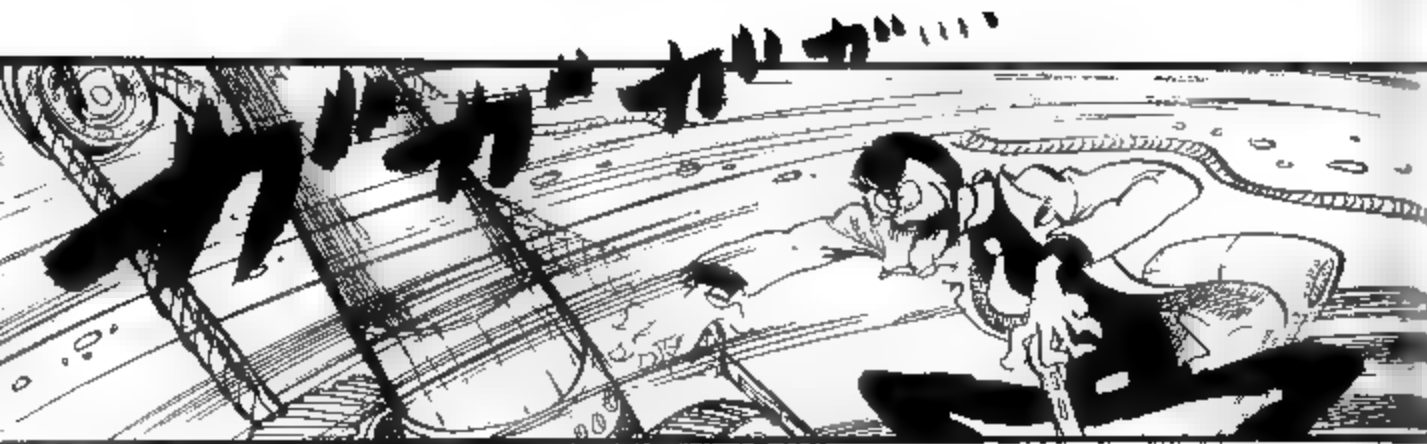
...AND NOT A
SINGLE ONE IN SIGHT.



HOWEVER
...!!





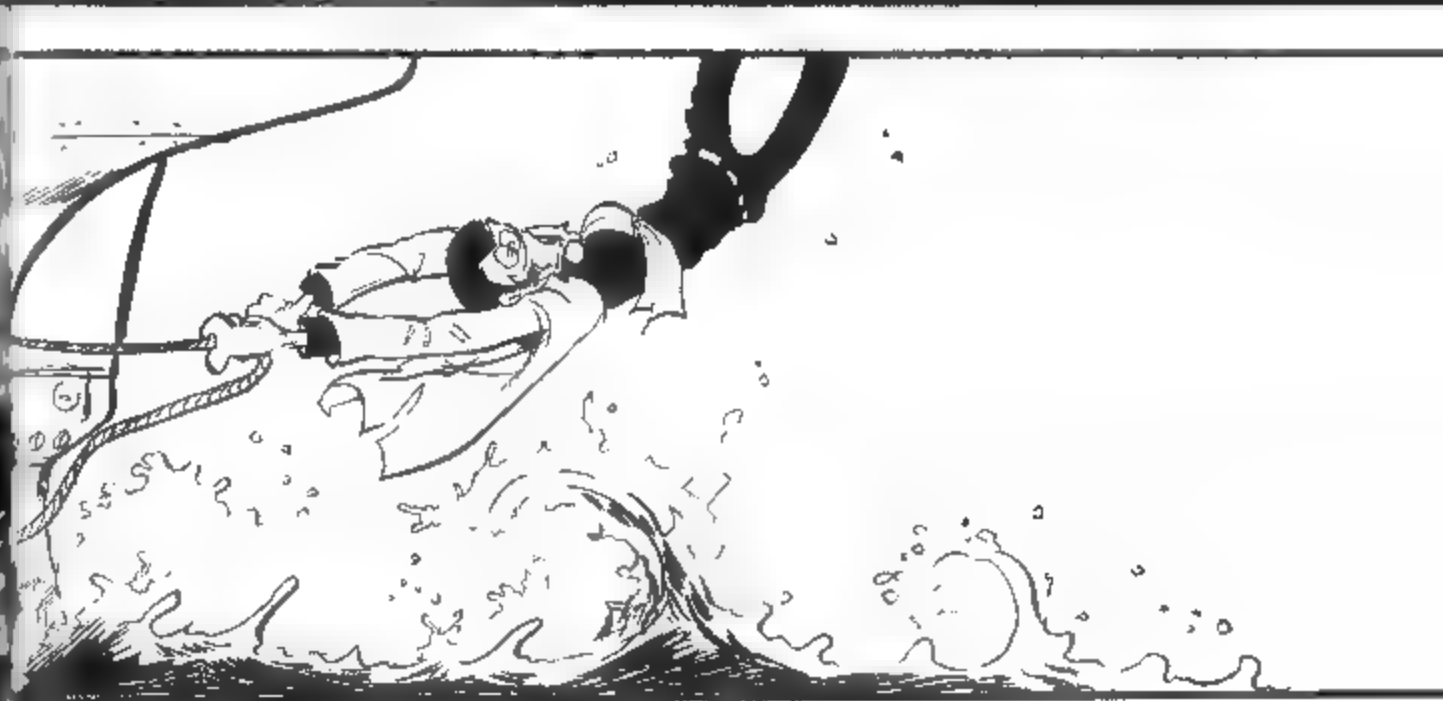
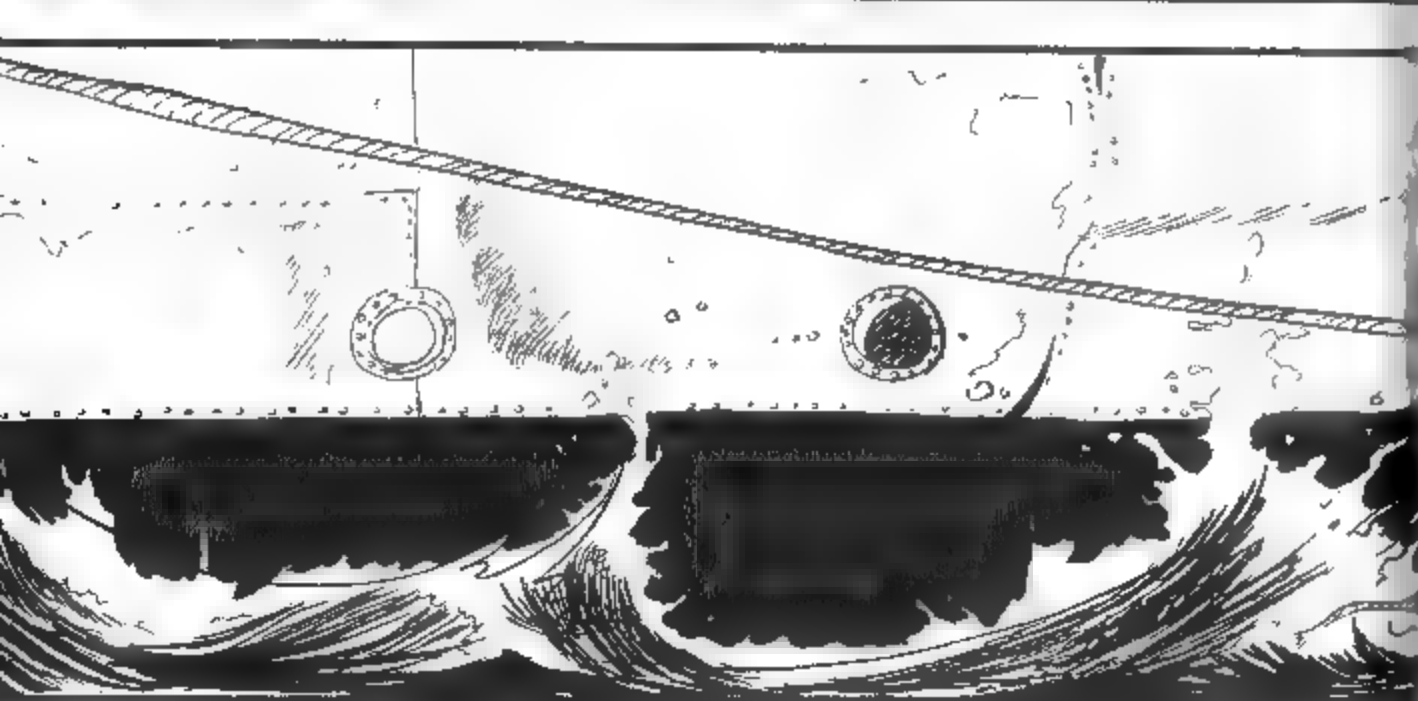
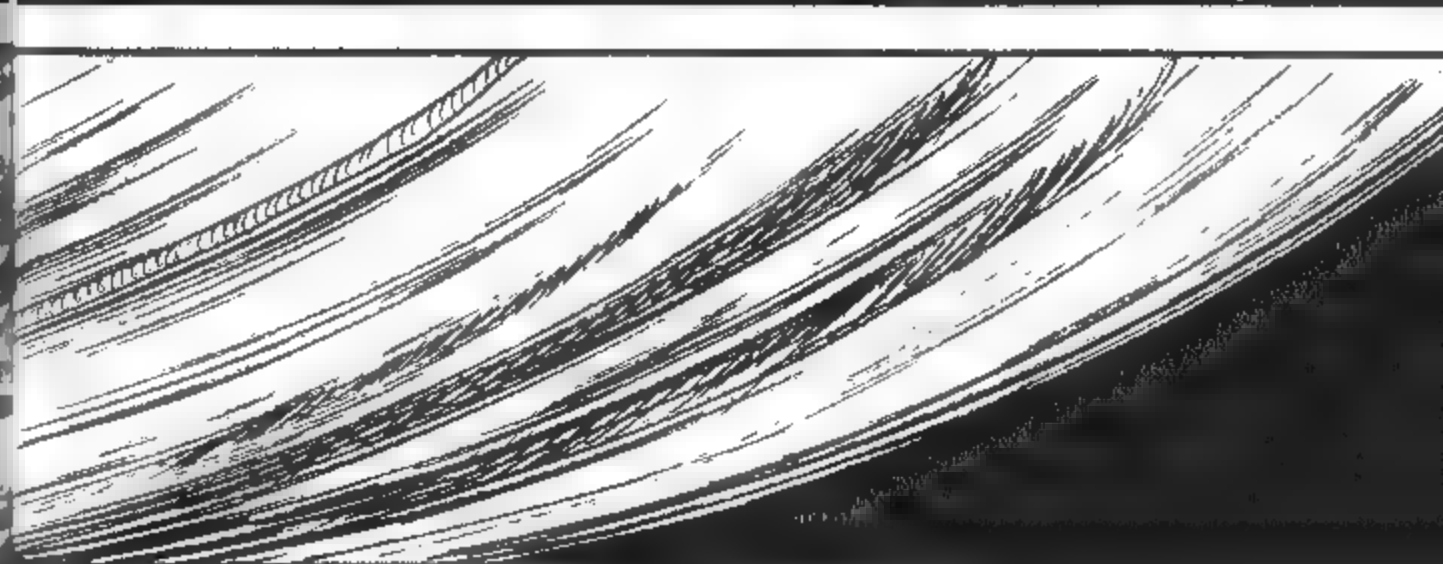
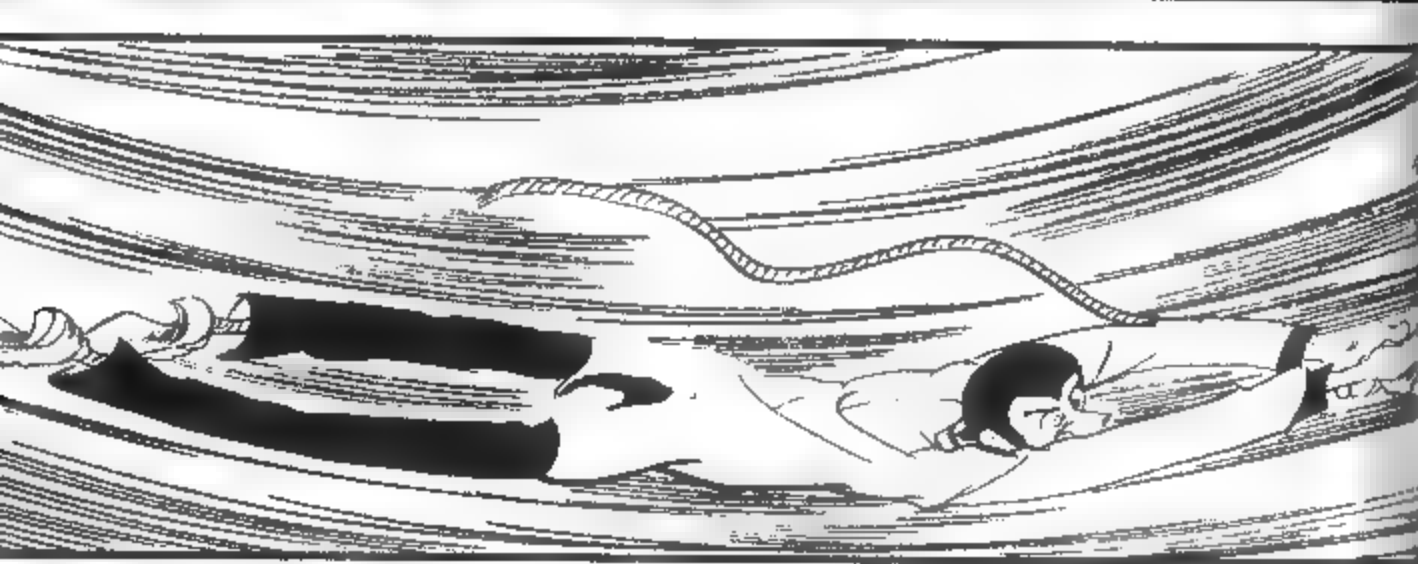
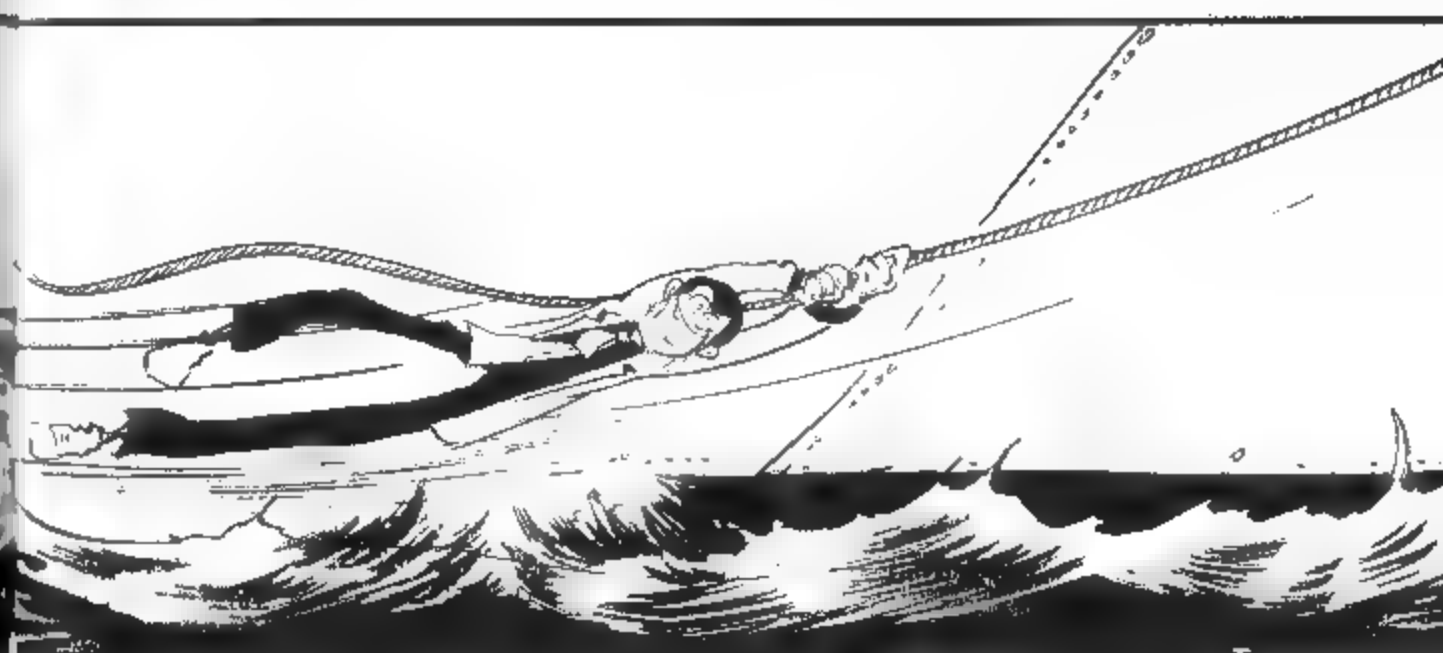


THE TREASURE'S
INSIDE THE HULL.
THE HULL'S INSIDE
THE SHIP.

THE SHIP IS
CRAWLING WITH
THUGS. THAT'S IT.
I'M OVERBOARD.



I DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR A
MOUSE
HUNT.



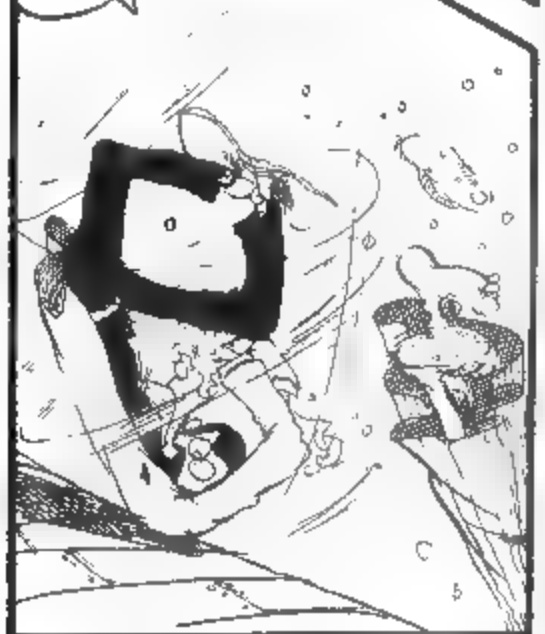




IT'S
TOO LATE.
THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN DO.



NO, I'VE
GOT HIM
!!



QUICK!
BEFORE
HE
STRIPS
!



YOU PROMISED ME
HALF OF THE
TREASURE ON THIS
SHIP IF I SCREWED
YOUR PUPPET.

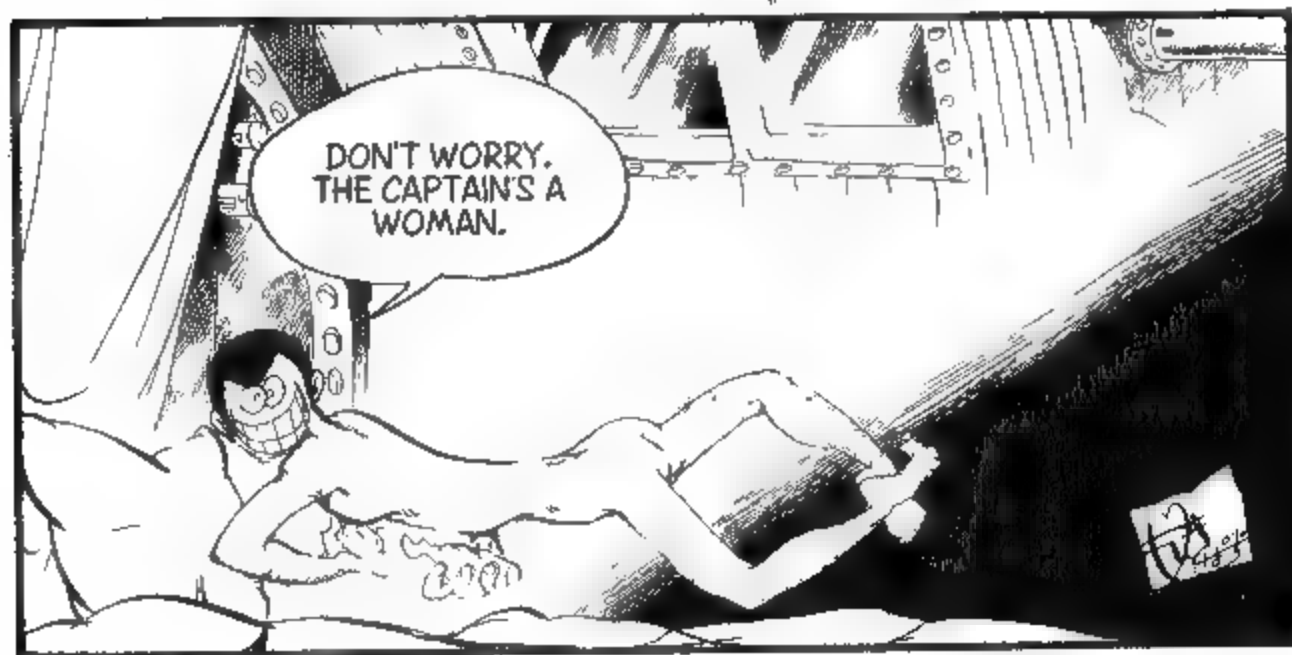
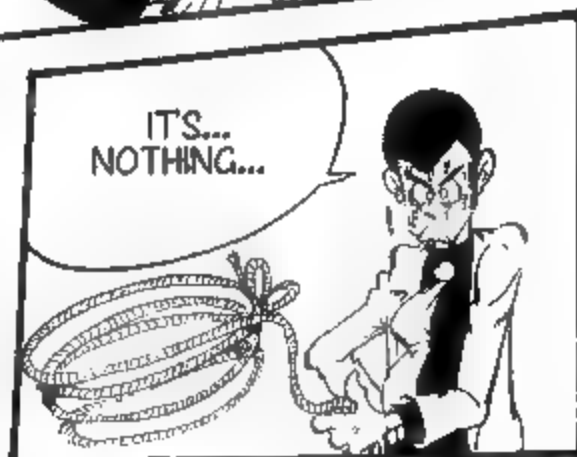
I EVEN
PRETENDED TO
HAVE SEX WITH
AN INVISIBLE MAN.

DON'T YOU
SEE? HE'LL
KILL US ALL!

GOEMON!!
GET
READY!!



IT'S HIM!!
LUPIN!
HE'S COMING
FOR YOU!

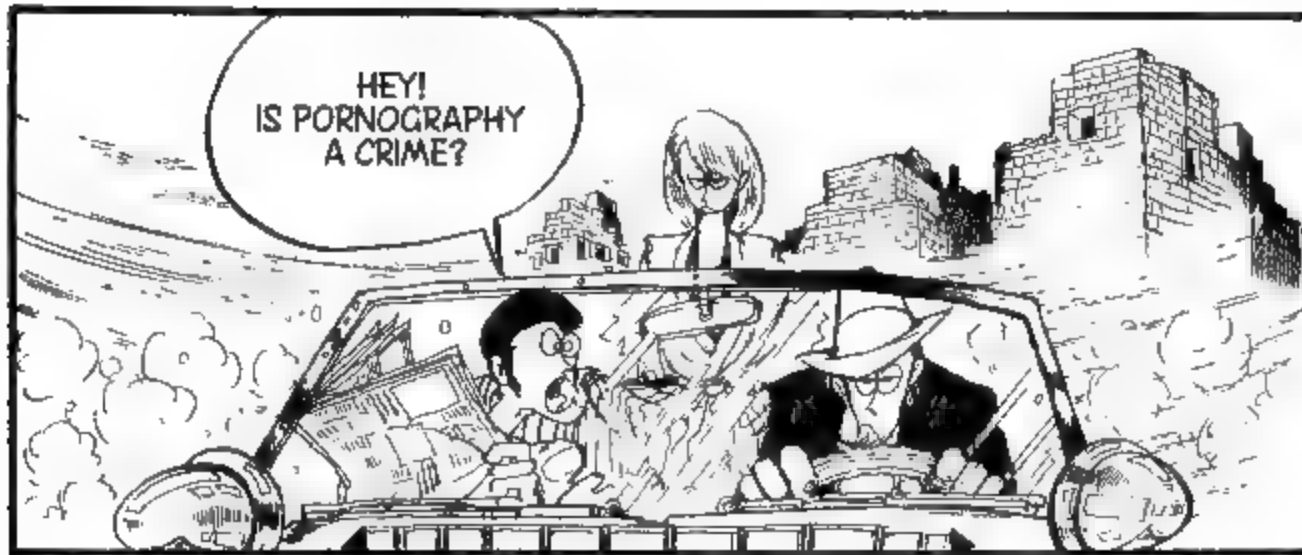


I SWEAR....

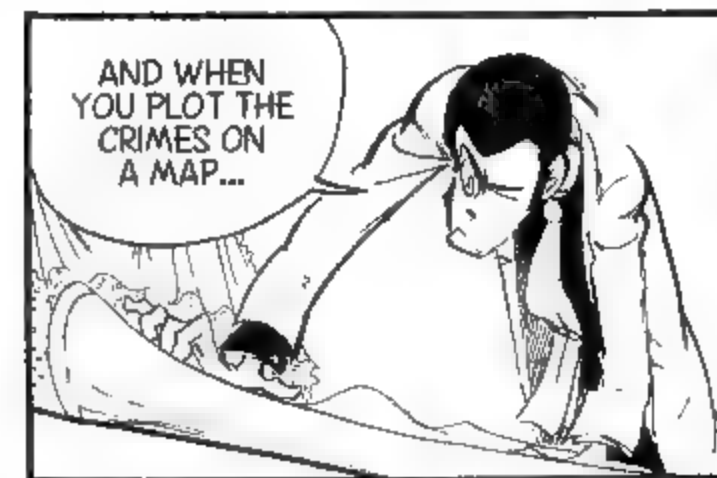
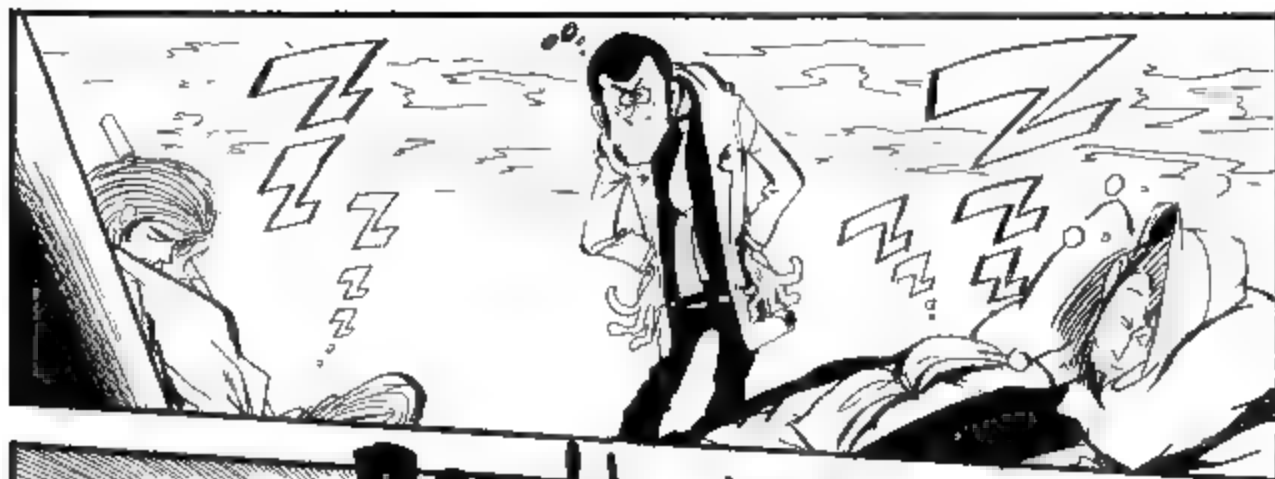


CHAPTER 97
"LUPIN SUCKS"











STARTING IN HOKKAIDO,
ABOUT A YEAR AGO...



...AND FINALLY,
KYUSHU,
RIGHT THERE.

...THEN
HERE...
HERE...AND
HERE...



AND IF I
FILL IN THE
LINES LIKE
SO...



...WITH ITS DEMON
EYES FIXED ON THE
NATION OF JAPAN!!

BEHOLD!!
THE FACE
OF EVIL...



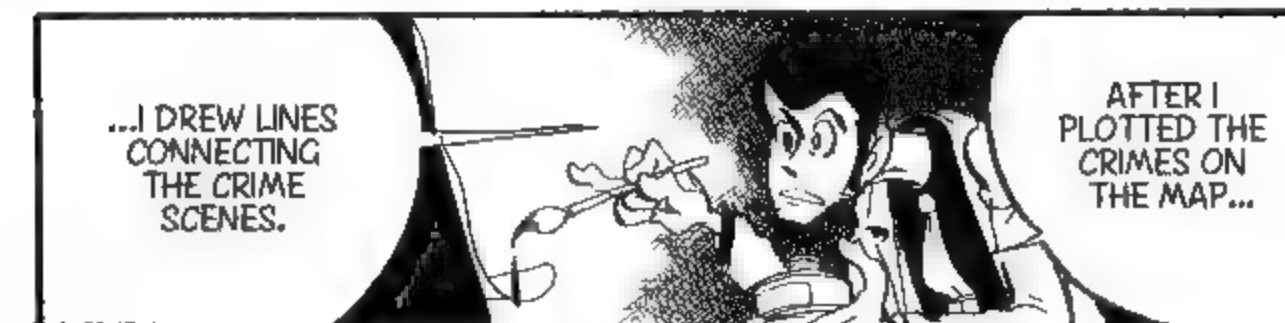
WE'LL TALK
TOMORROW
!!

WE'VE BEEN
DRIVING NON-STOP
FOR THREE DAYS
AND NIGHTS!!



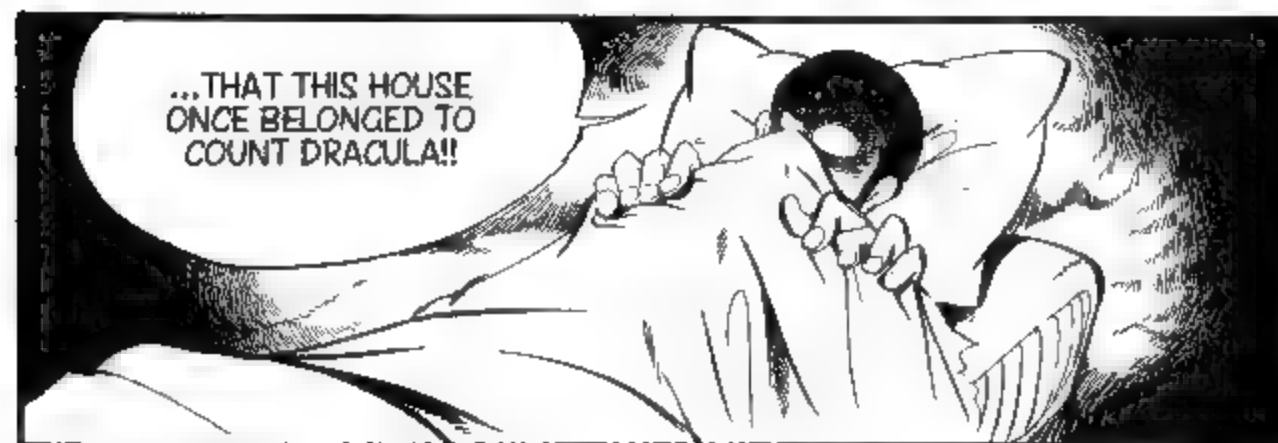
...YOU MAY
NOT LIVE
TO SEE
TOMORROW!

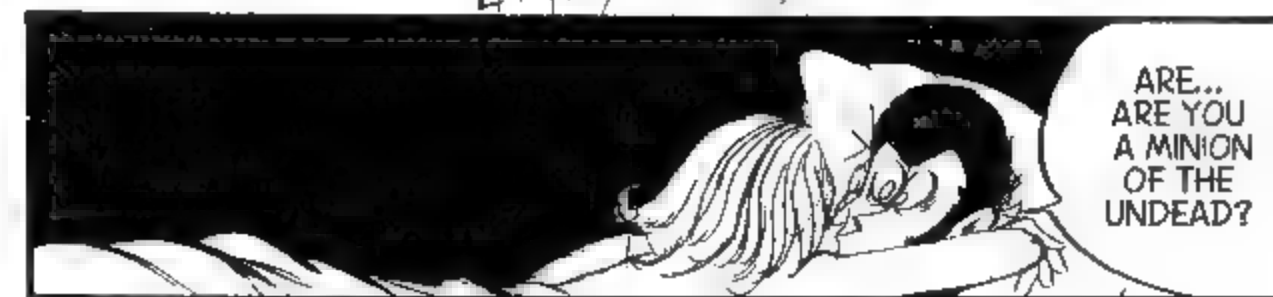
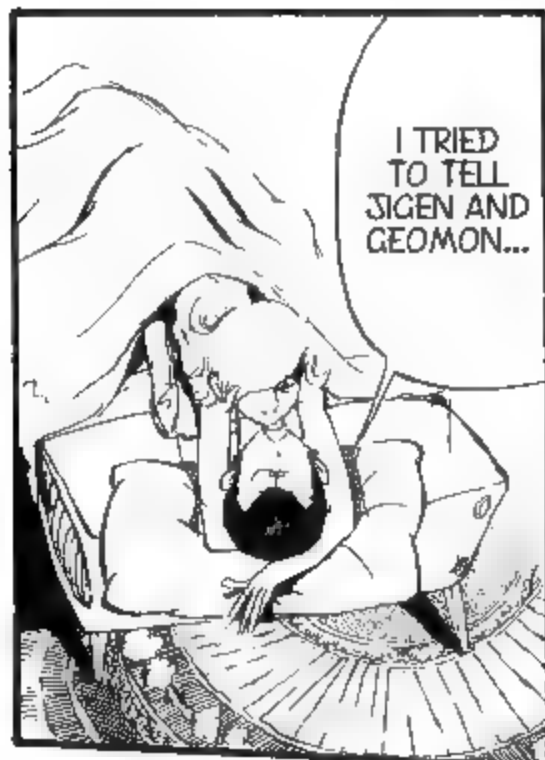
IF YOU
DON'T
LISTEN...

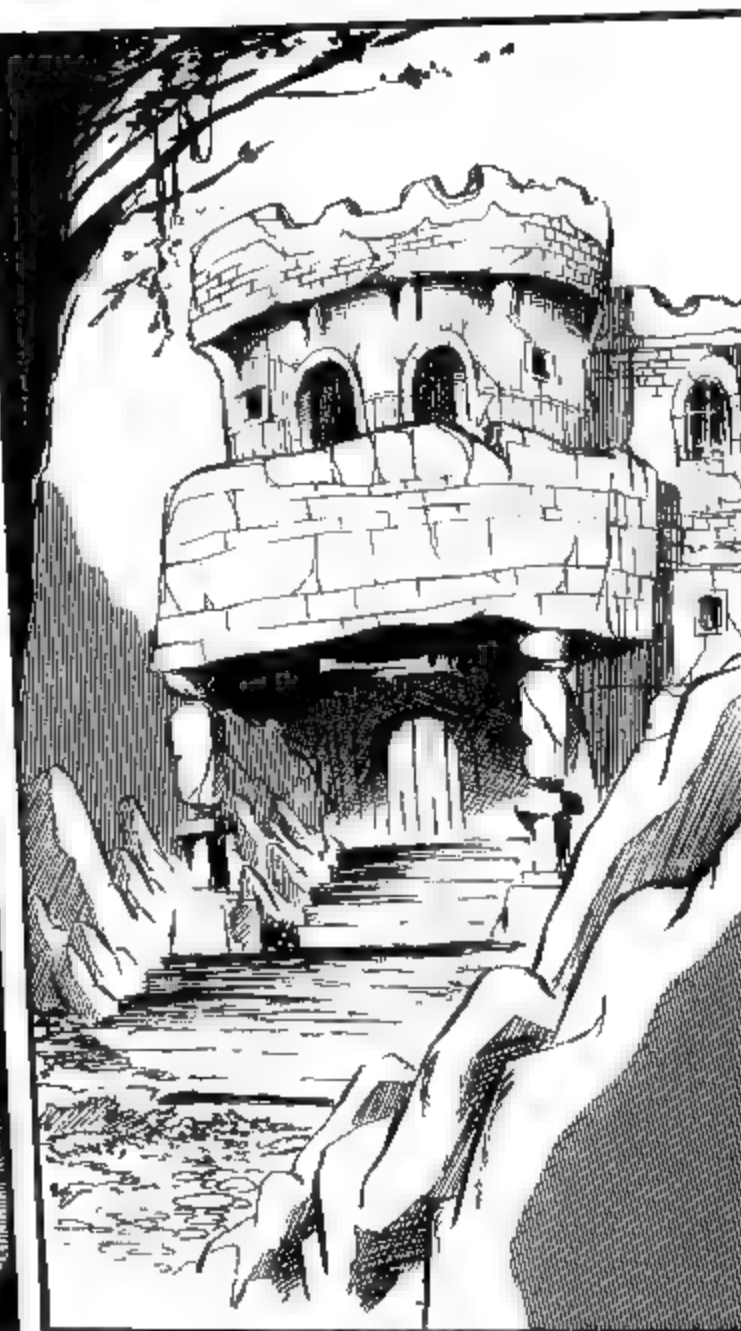
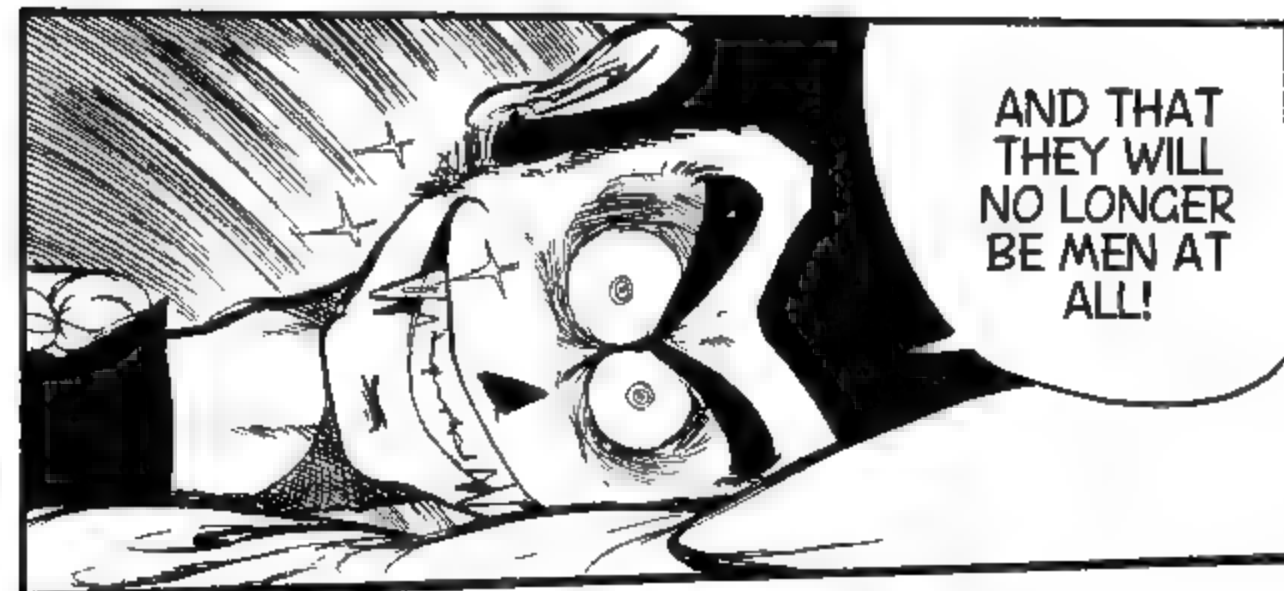


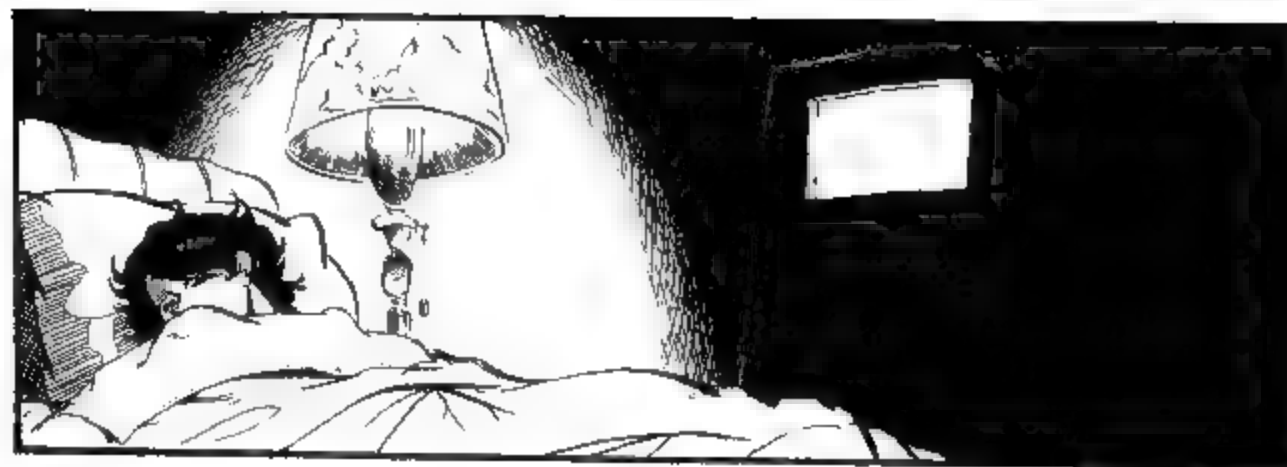
...I DREW LINES
CONNECTING
THE CRIME
SCENES.

AFTER I
PLOTTED THE
CRIMES ON
THE MAP...

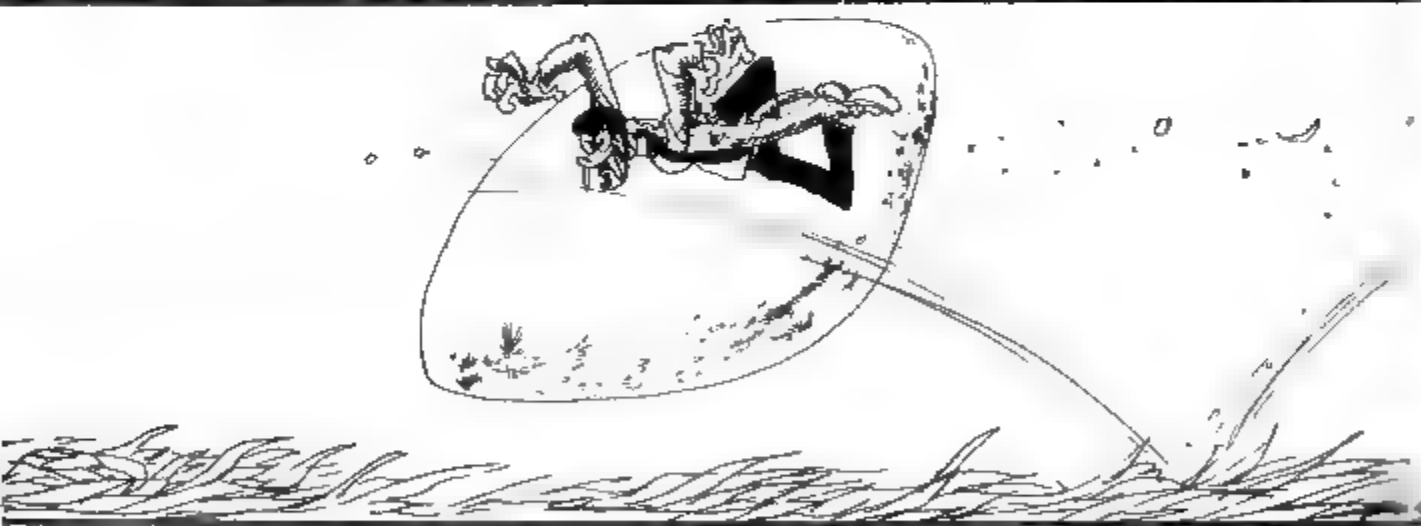


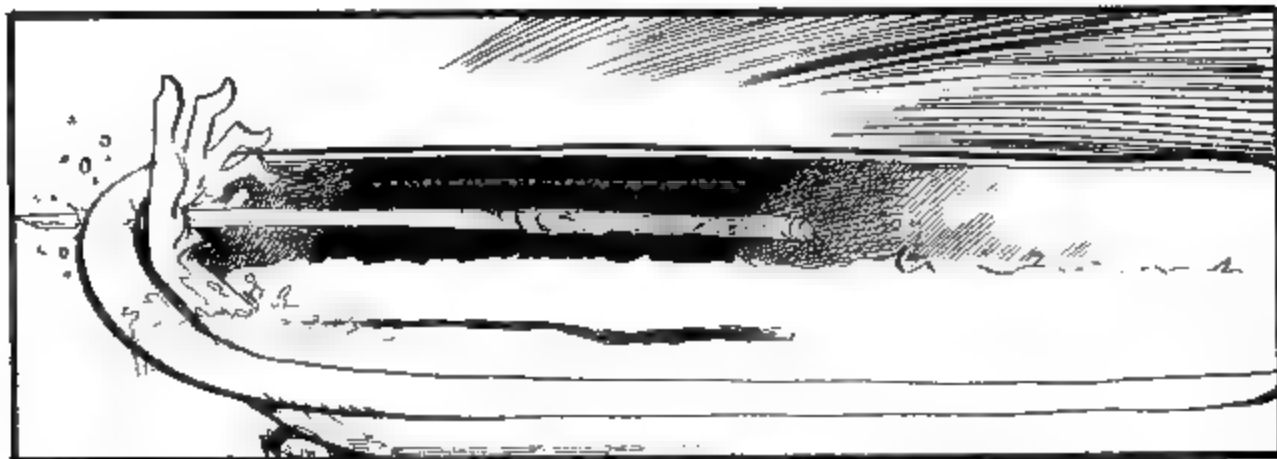












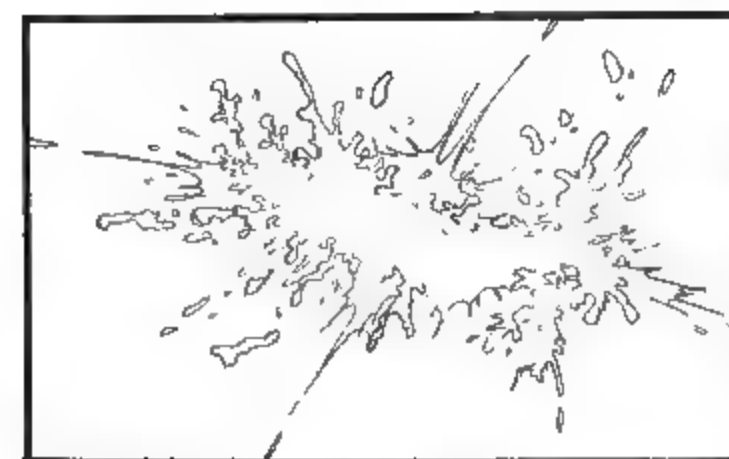
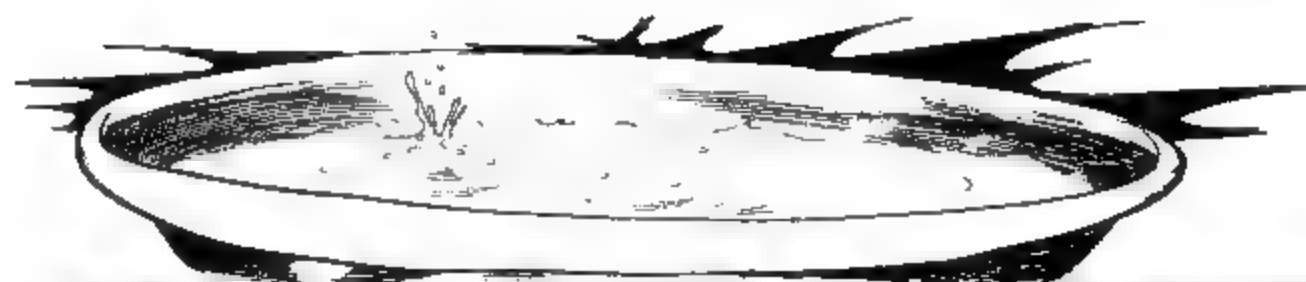
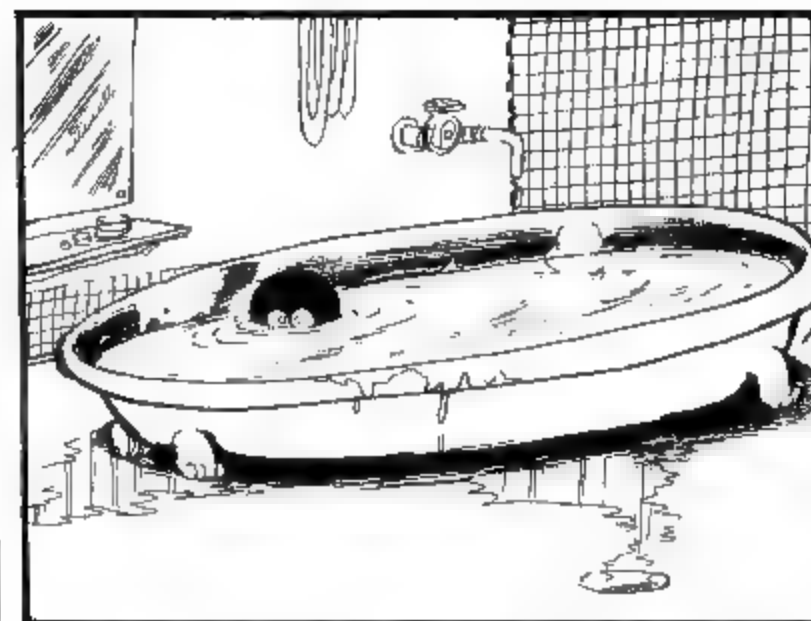
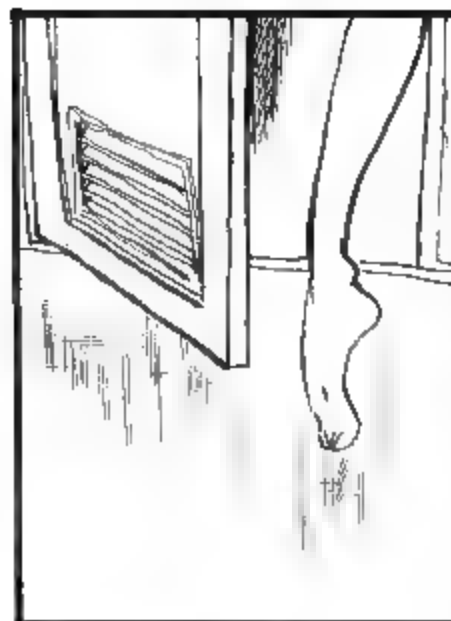
IS THAT
YOU,
GOEMON
?!



LUPIN
!!



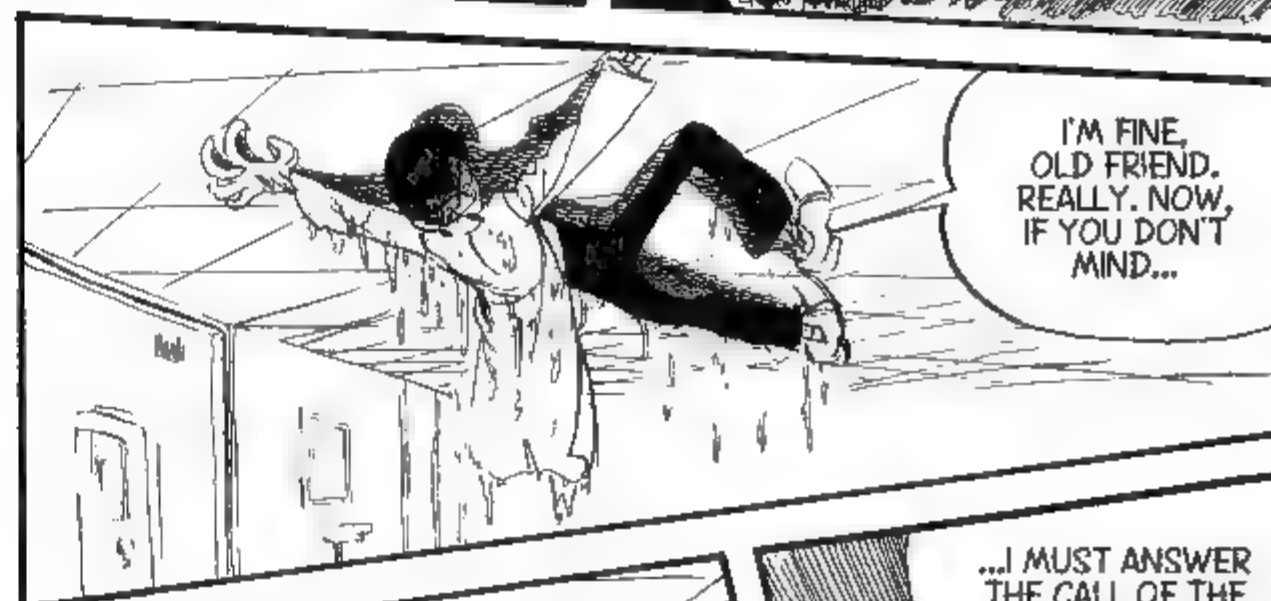
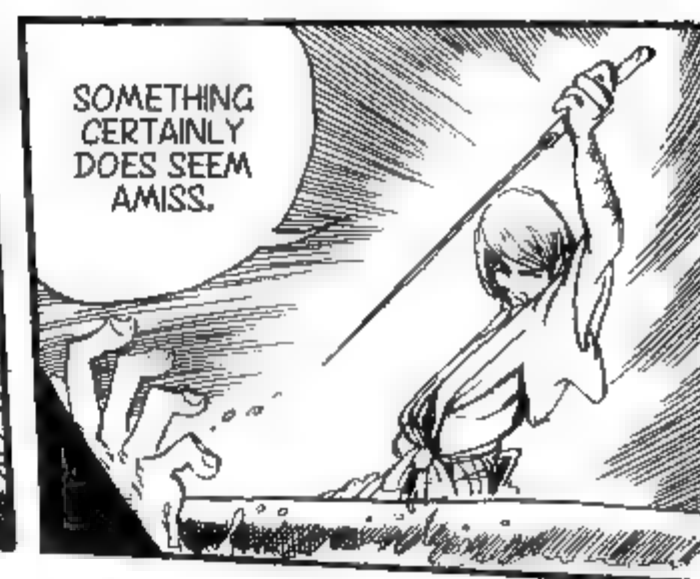
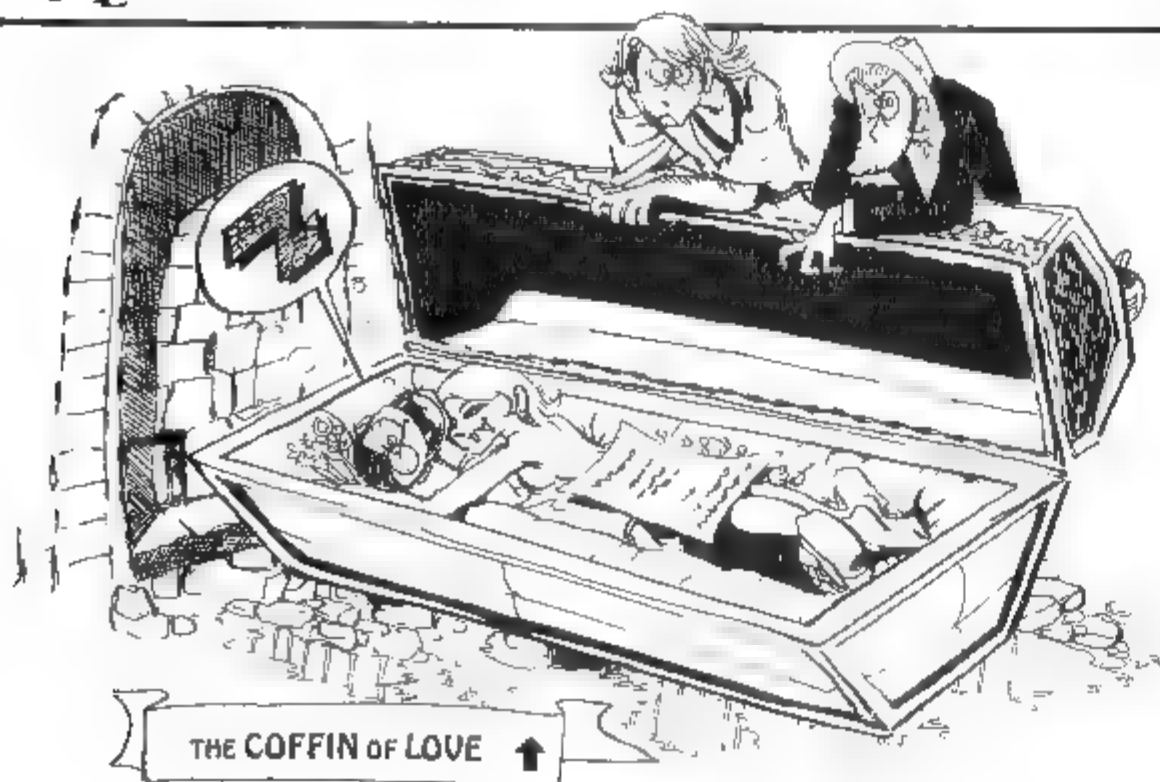
DO YOU OFTEN TAKE
NOCTURNAL SOAKS IN
THE BATH?

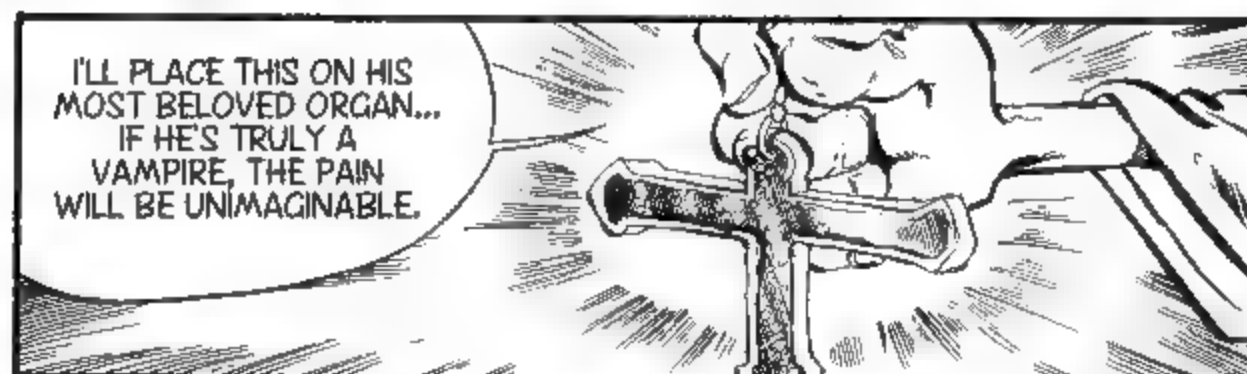
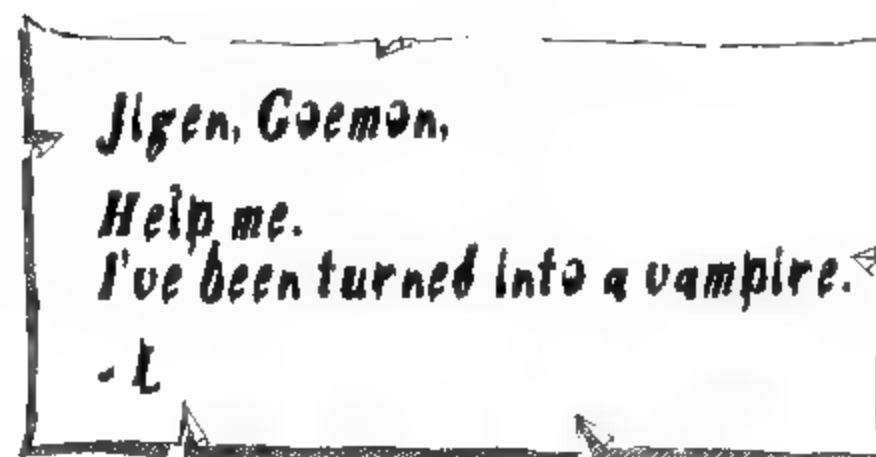
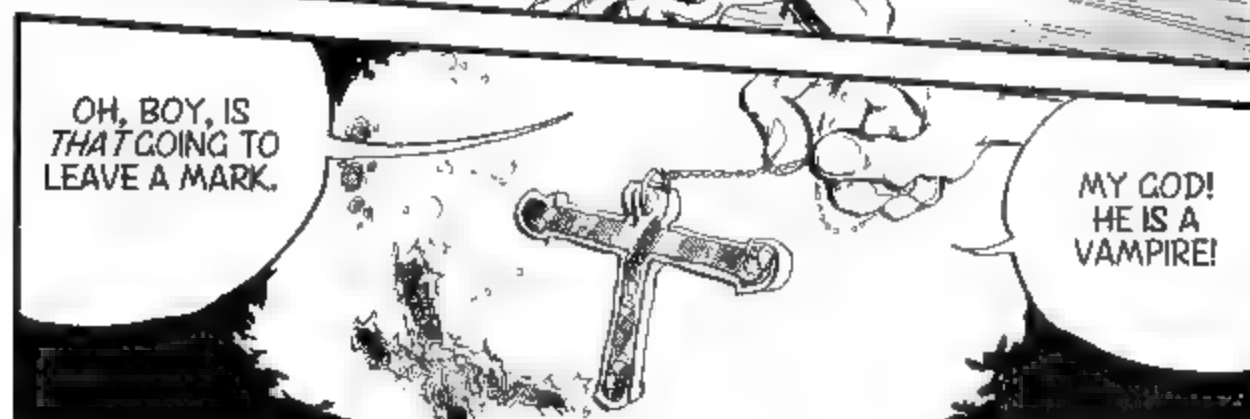
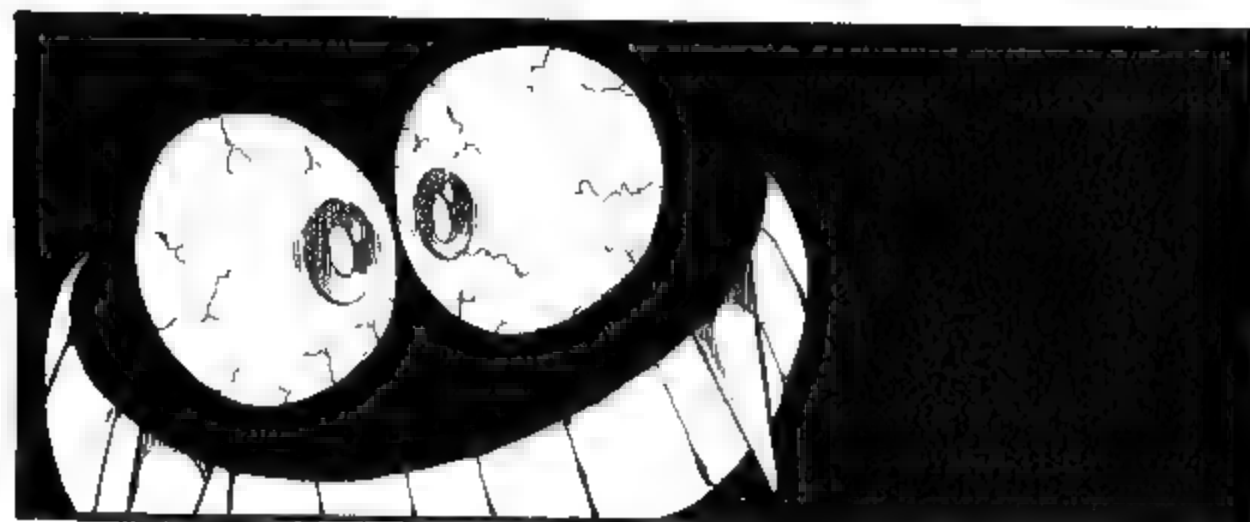


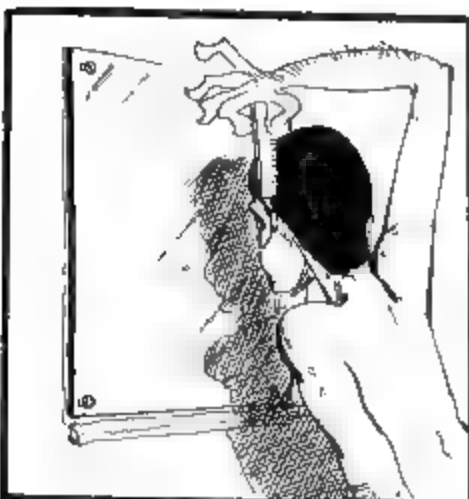
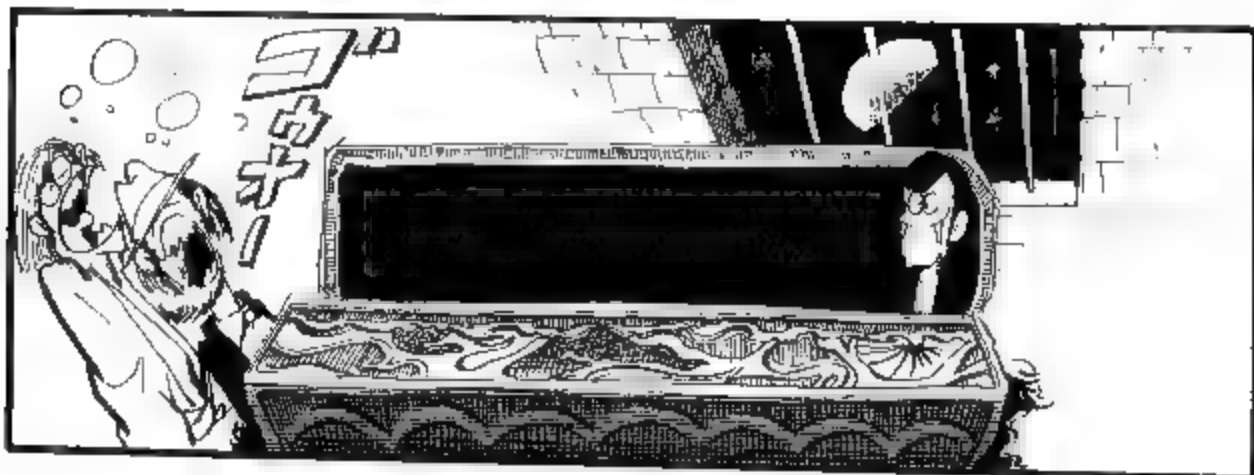


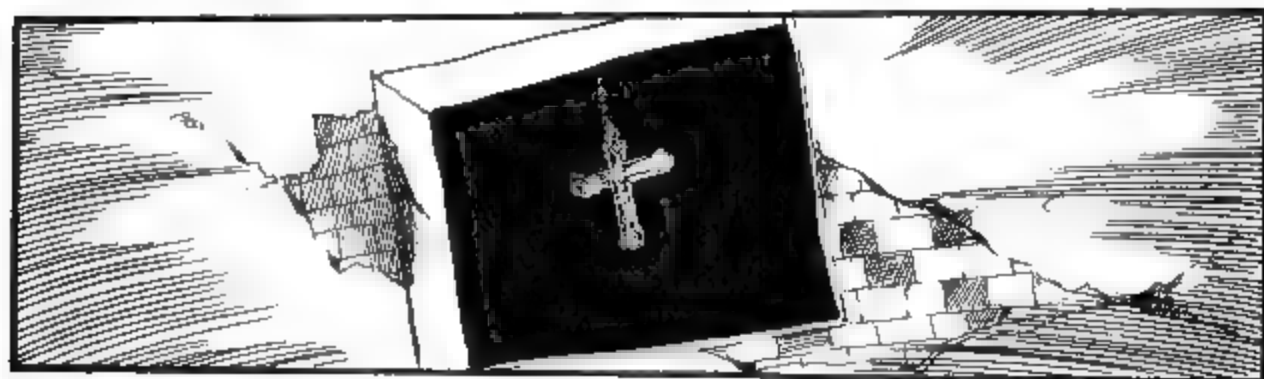
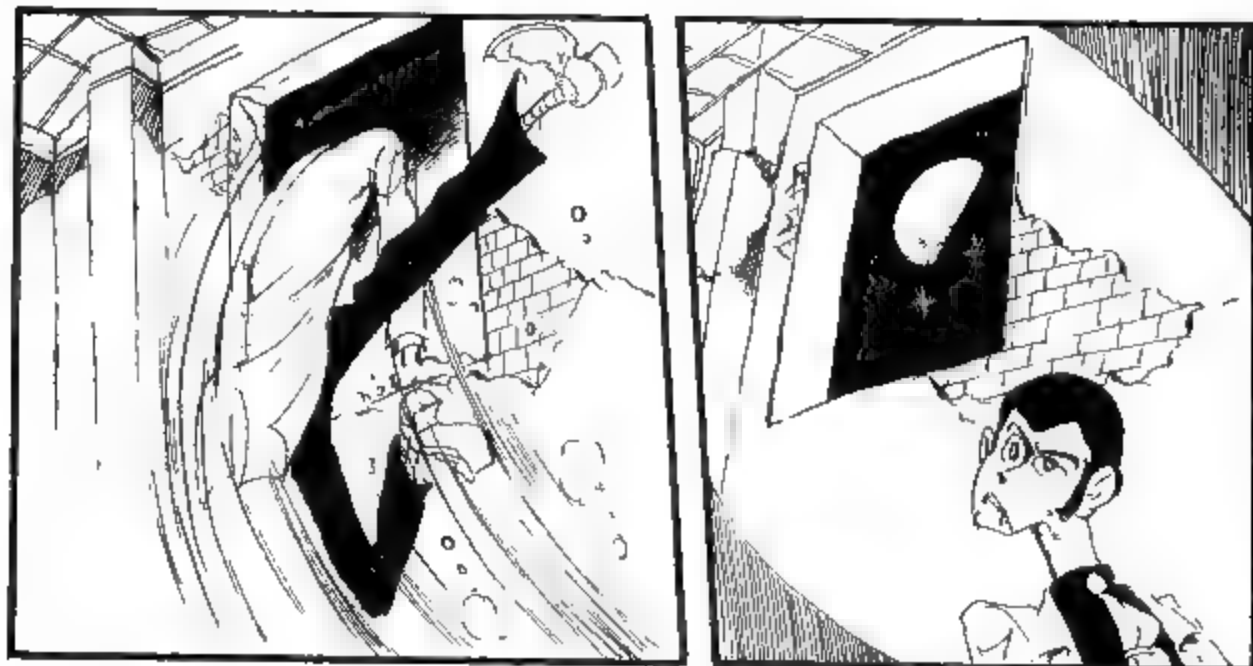
*Jigen. Goman.
I need your help.
I brought you here to this house
because I need you to save me.
I've become a vampire.
Please help me become normal again.*

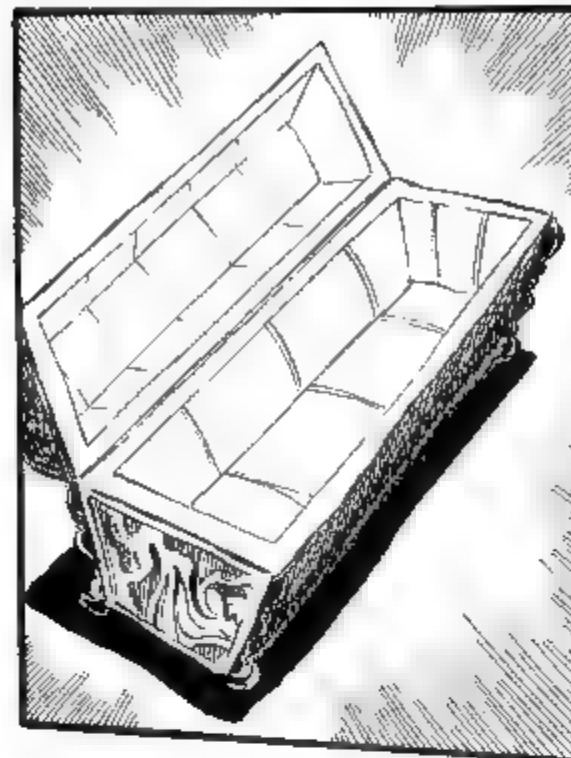
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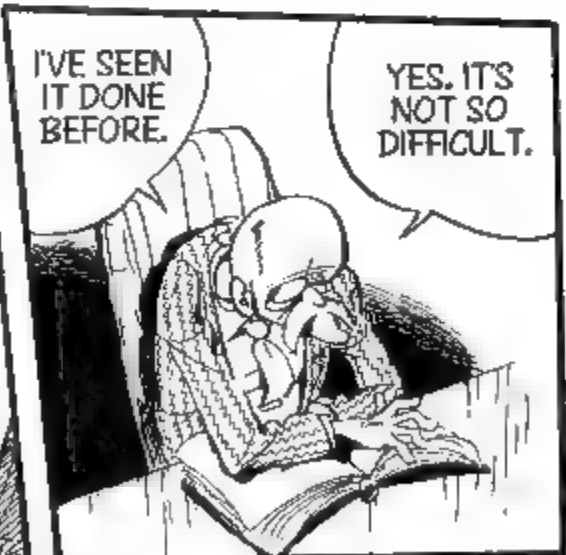
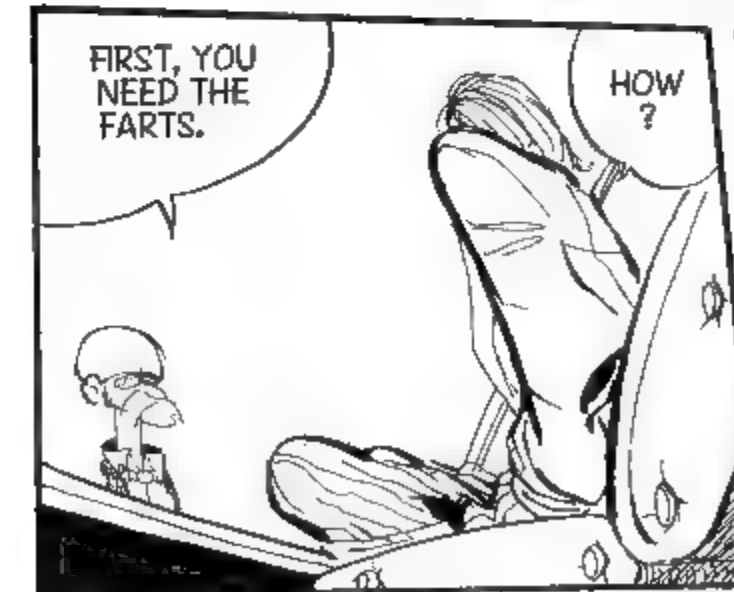
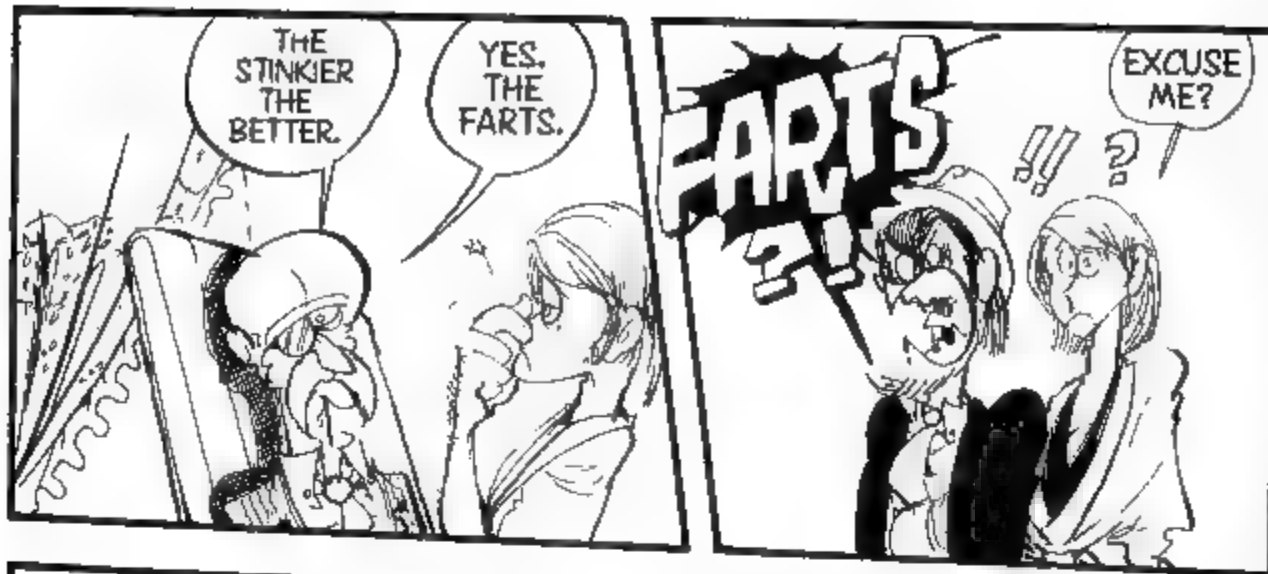


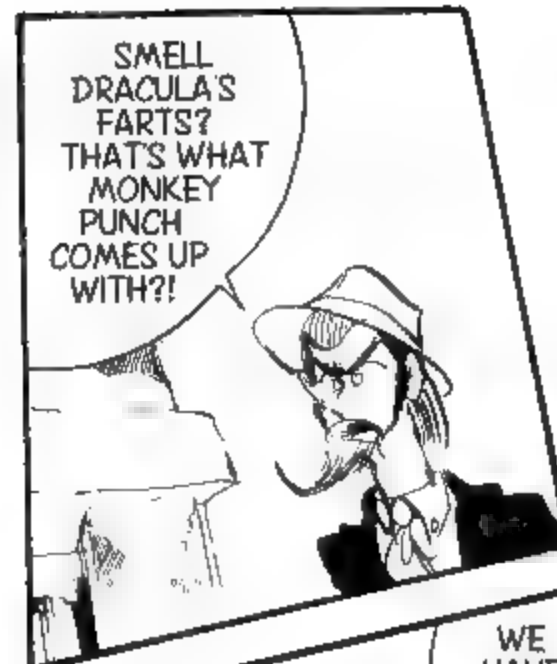
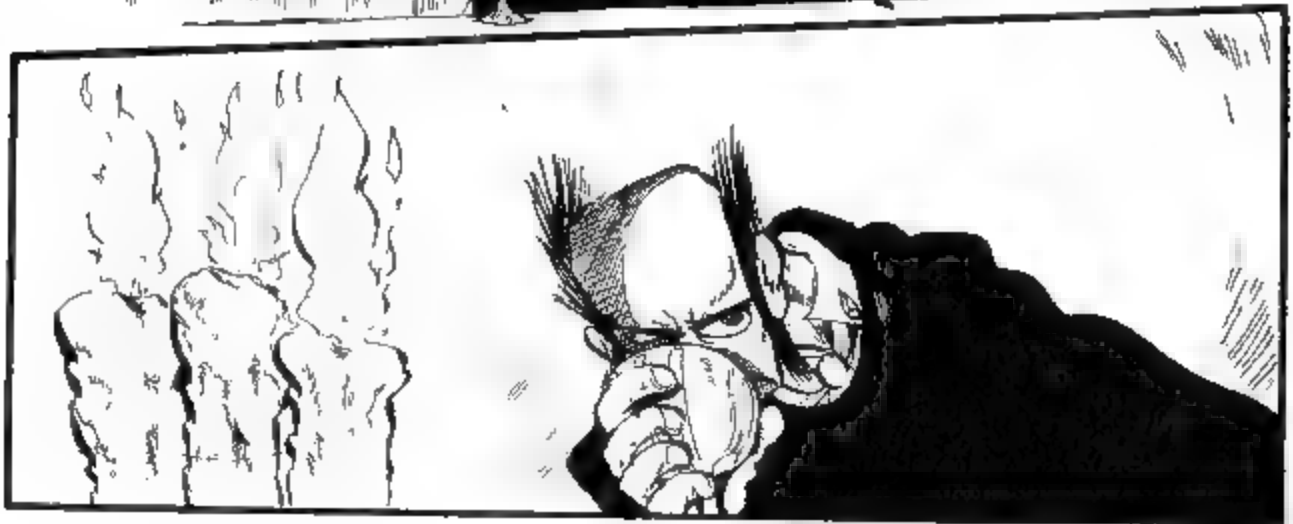
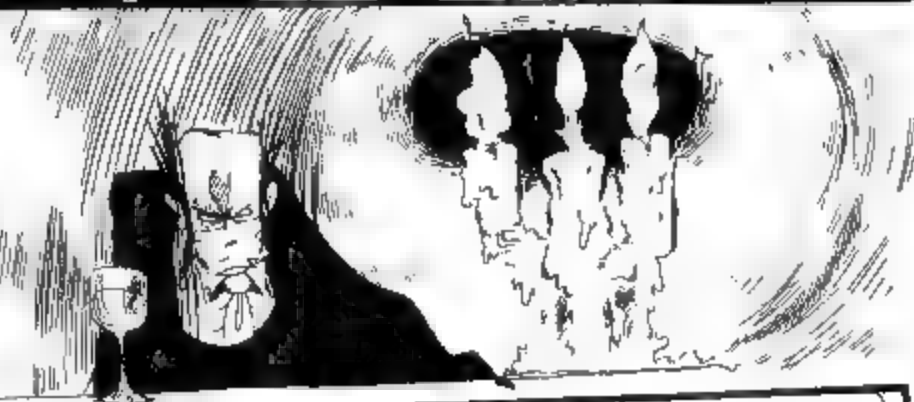


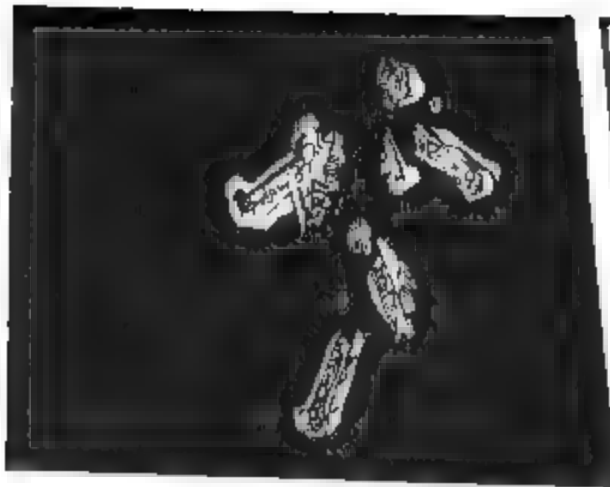


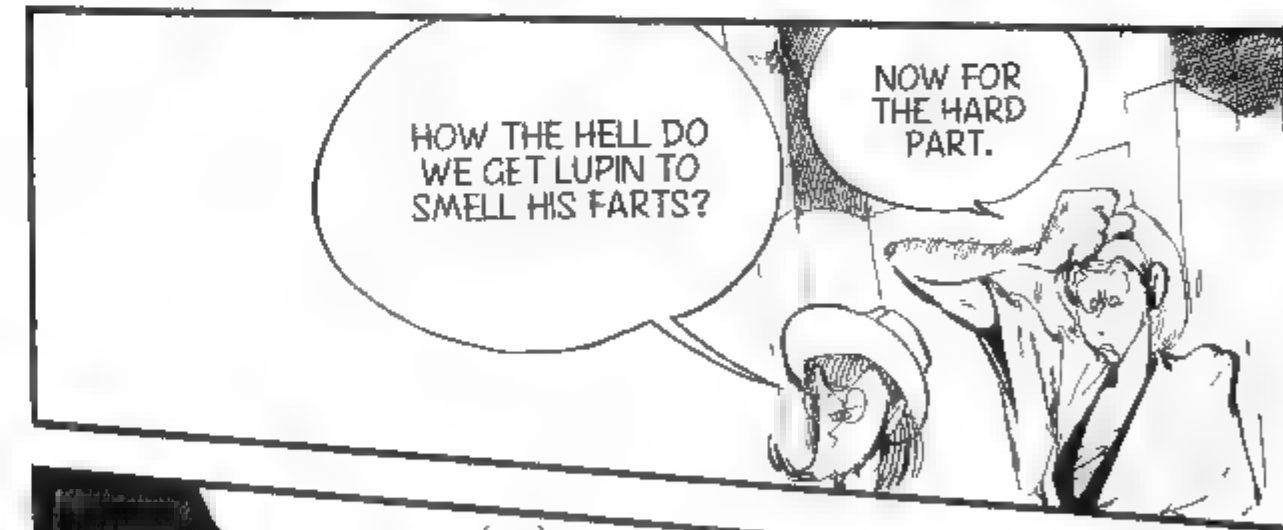
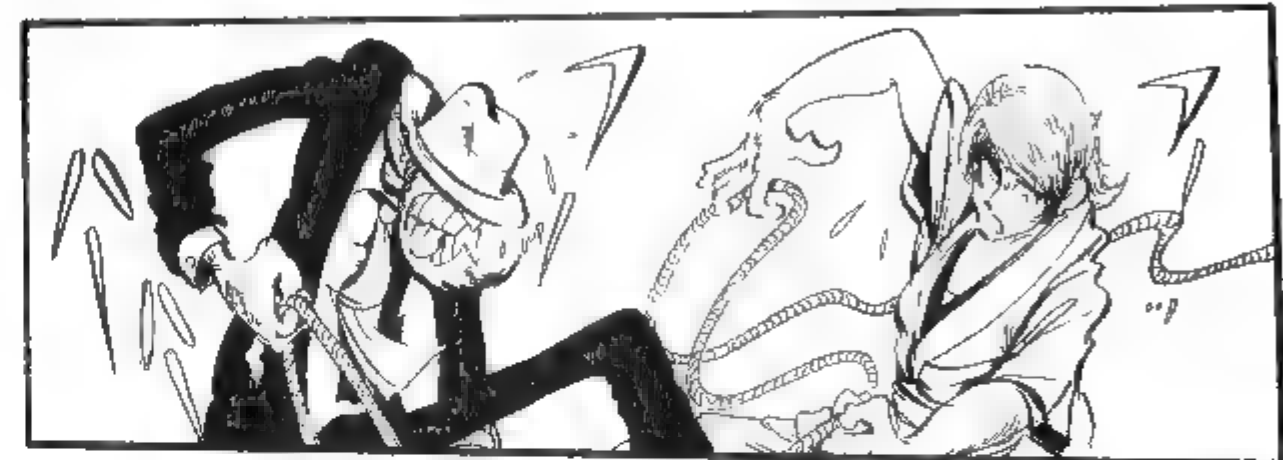
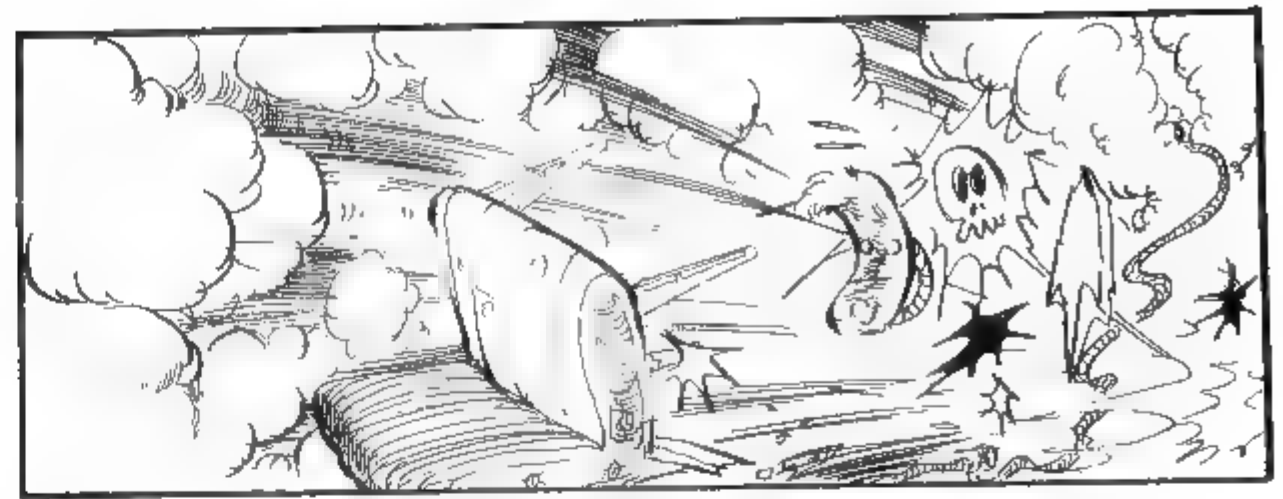


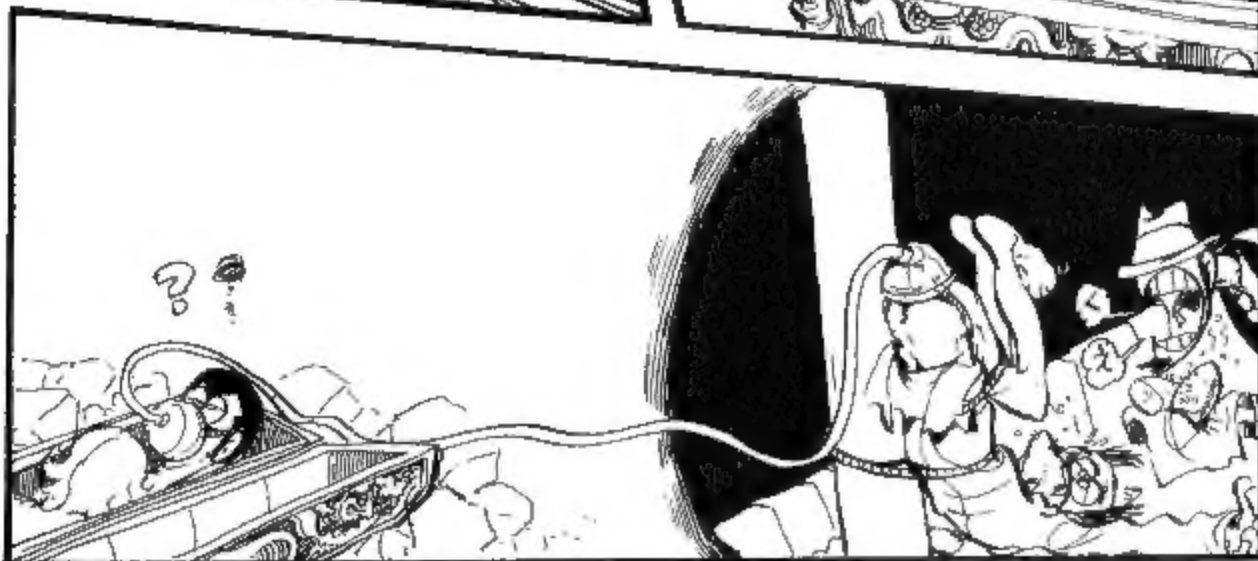


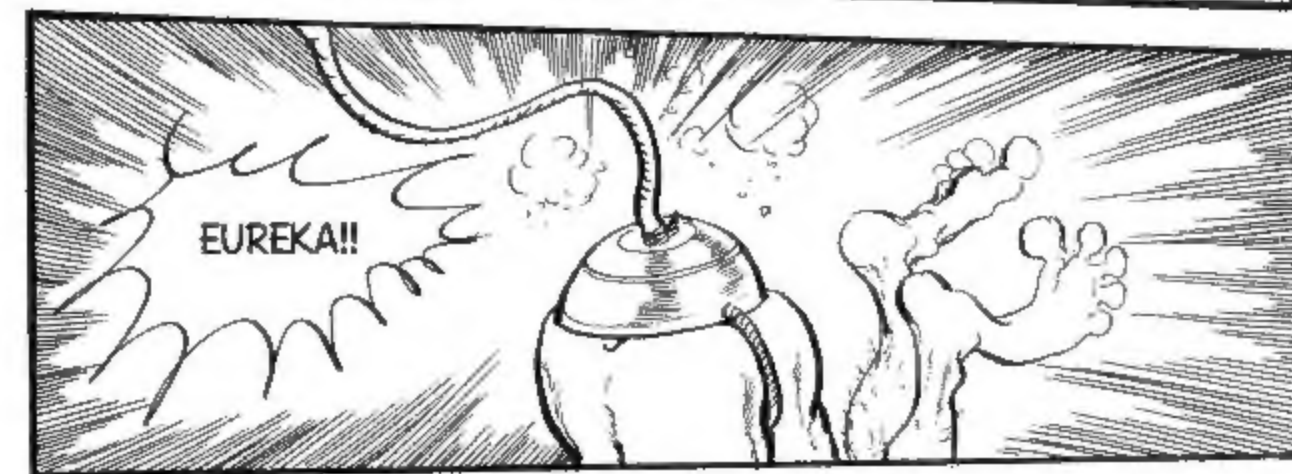
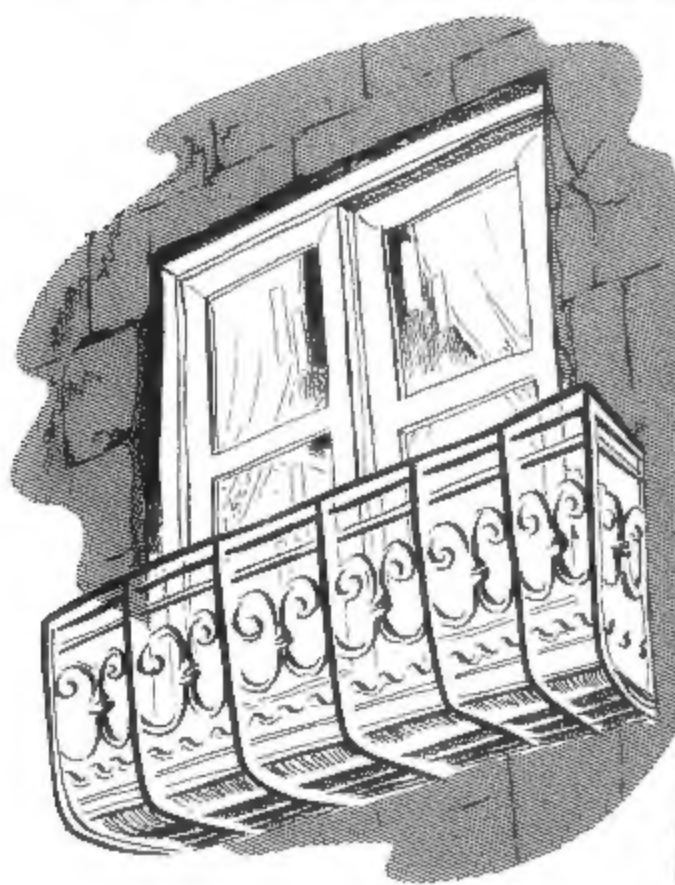
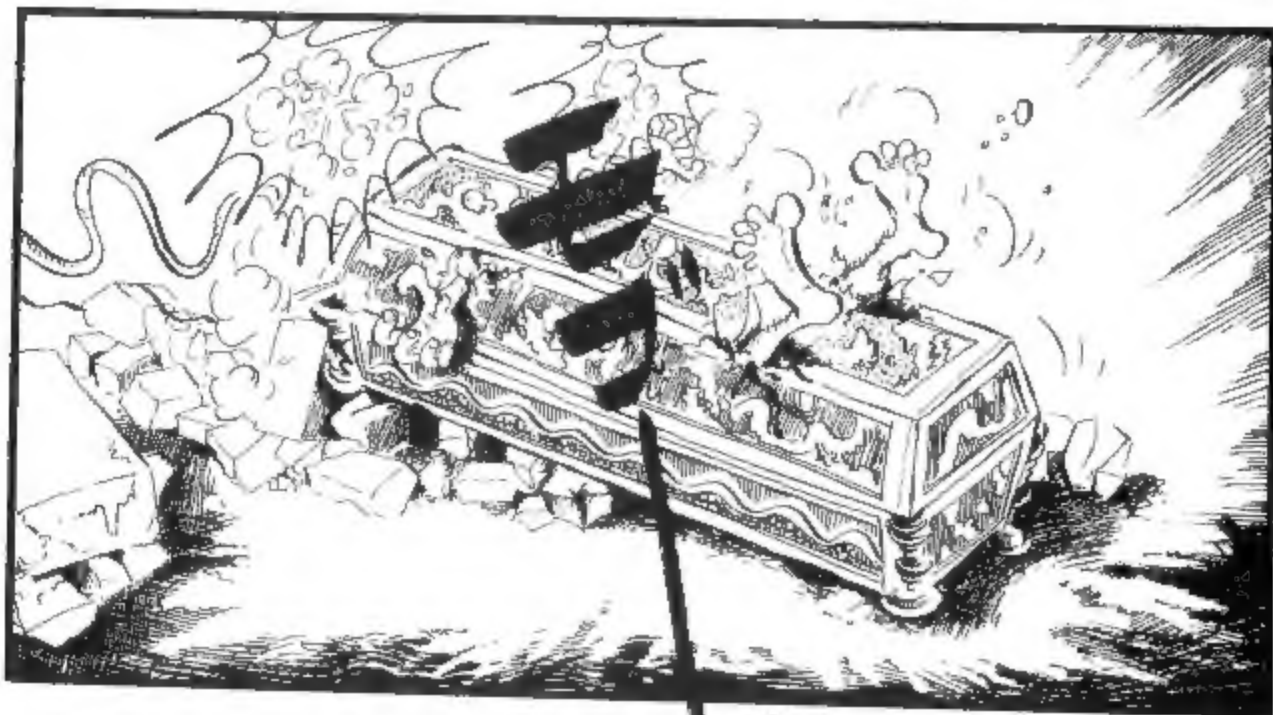


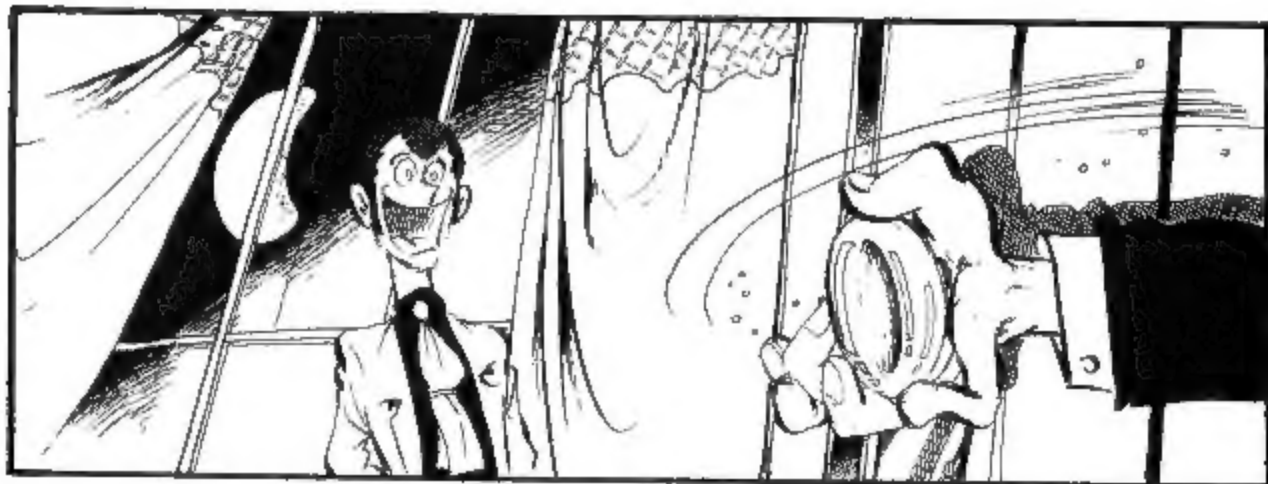












LUPIN III

VOLUME 13 PREVIEW

Rasputin the con man razzes our wily wolf Lupin into a contractual con that could out-fox the wolf of his filial fortune...and the weapon Rasputin uses to roost the wolf's wiles is, of course, his well-known weakness...women. But with the help of a few friends—and the marvels of modern surgery—Lupin may just be able to wreak his revenge. But once divested of this thorn in his side, the world's most wanted international thief has to face, yet again, Zenigata, the world's most determined international detective.

